

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 5-8-61
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND NECESSARY TO SET FORTH IN ANY INVESTIGATIVE REPORT.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant statement dated May 3, 1961, containing information orally furnished on May 3, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on May 5, 1961.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 7 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
 - 1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
 - ① - 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
 - 1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
 - 1 - 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)
- 12 - Chicago
 - 1 - A) 134-46
 - 1 - 100-691 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - 1 - 100-13263 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-12459 (FLO HALL)
 - 1 - 100-20289 [REDACTED]

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- 1 - 100-17769 (CP, ILLINOIS DIST. - FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-18952 (CP, ILLINOIS DIST. - MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - 100-18953 (CP, ILLINOIS DIST. - ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 100-18209 (CP, ILLINOIS DIST. - PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - 100-38239 (MAY DAY COMMITTEE, 1961)

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May 3, 1961

Prior to the departure of GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), from New York City on April 28, 1961, for Chicago, Illinois, he had been furnished with a written message prepared by PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CP, USA.

This message of BART was as follows:

"Memo to Gus re Chicago

"1. We received a partial report on registration. The figure is . Although the Month of April is over, we have not received any further reports and want to know what the status of the full registration is.

"2. The status on dues at this time is . We want to know what has been done to bring up the dues payment for the first quarter of 1961 and for April.

"3. In connection with the press, out of a total goal of \$4,000, they have reached 25% with less than 2 months to go to the end of the drive.

"4. We have sent material on the organization of activity around the press for the month of May culminating in a National Press Day, Sunday June 4th. The plan calls for activities in every district during the month of May, setting themselves specific objectives to be reached by the end of May in obtaining subs and the mobilization of the Party organization and other readers wherever possible to participate in National Press Day which will be that Sunday morning. We would like to have:

"a. Brief statements by the leadership on their participation on Press Day and a call of support from Illinois.

"b. Also do they have all of their past lists for the last number of years aside from other contacts. If they do not, we want to know immediately so we can send it to them.

"c. Will you please collect the fare for your trip for the May Day meeting since in this case districts pay the expense of the speaker."

Because of GUS HALL's short stay in Chicago, he was unable to meet with FLO HALL, Organizational Secretary, CP of Illinois, in order to secure the desired information. Therefore, when he returned to New York City on April 30, 1961, GUS HALL turned over this written request of PHIL BART to MORRIS CHILDS of Chicago and requested that he contact FLO HALL in an effort to secure the desired information.

On May 3, 1961, it was ascertained that MORRIS CHILDS had been in contact with FLO HALL, at which time the following responses were secured from her in connection with the requests noted above.

In regard to request number one, FLO HALL advised that there were 350 registrations on hand and that it was expected that another 50 would come in. This will make a total of 400 registration for the CP of Illinois. She did not have the exact figure in her possession during these discussions, but felt that the figure she had given was quite accurate. [redacted] now on vacation, maintains the exact figures on the registration for the District.

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[redacted] who was also present at this time, commented concerning the above remarks of FLO HALL that he felt the registration figures given were just a little low on the overall registration.

In response to request number two, FLO HALL stated that the dues payments for the District average over all about 375 or a little larger. This average represents almost a hundred percent dues payment of the current registered membership which is accounted for by the fact that since registration occurred in January, 1961, the dues payments include a number of paid up dues for 1960.

In response to request number three, FLO HALL stated that \$1,000 had been sent to the National Office in New York on May 2, 1961. This made the total achieved in regard to the District quota on the press fund 50 percent instead of the 25 percent.

In response to request number four, FLO HALL noted that the District had received the material relating to the press and culminating in a national press day on June 4. The CP of Illinois Administrative Committee had already met in

regard to this matter and decided to participate. People from the leadership will be assigned to the Clubs to work on this press activity.

In response to request 4a, FLO HALL advised that there had just been issued a statement on the matter relating to the press which was sent out in the name of the State Committee, CP of Illinois. The specific content of this item was not discussed at this time.

In response to request number 4b, FLO HALL remarked that they are out to get 100 subscriptions on press day; however, this will still bring the District up to only 50 percent of their assigned quota.

She further stated that they do have the past list on "The Worker" subscribers and that the New York office need not send this matter. They are now doing a public relations job in regard to "The Worker" and a letter has been sent out to libraries and prominent people regarding "The Worker" explaining what the paper is and why such people and institutions need it. However, FLO HALL is of the opinion that they will probably end up the press drive with most of the subs being renewals.

In response to request 4c, FLO HALL noted that \$100 had been turned over to a Party member going to New York which was to be delivered to GUS HALL as payment of his expense for the May Day meeting. GUS HALL was to be requested to immediately execute a receipt for this money which he was to send to [redacted] in Chicago who handled funds for the Chicago May Day Committee. When all expenses involved in the meeting have been paid and the remaining funds are distributed, the Chicago May Day Committee will then be liquidated.

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<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>FOREIGN</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
Connecticut District	33	Connecticut	23
Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware District	140	Pennsylvania (Customs) District	137
Illinois District	441	Illinois (Including East St. Louis area) Iowa (Des Moines & surrounding only)	441
Indiana District	63	Indiana	63
England-D. C. District	49	England District of Columbia	49
Michigan District	263	Michigan	263
Minnesota-Dakota District	290	Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota	290
Missouri District	60	Missouri Kansas (Kansas City only) Illinois (East St. Louis only)	60
Ontario District	27	Ontario	27
New England District	711	Vermont Maine New Hampshire Massachusetts Rhode Island	711
New Jersey District	135	New Jersey	135
New York District	2,003	New York	2,003
Northern California District	554	California (north of Reno & Santa Barbara Counties)	554
Northwest District	243	Washington Idaho Alaska	243
Ohio District	163	Ohio West Virginia (Martinsburg section)	163

DISTRICTS (continued)

Delaware-District	10	Delaware	10
Oregon District	48	Oregon	48
Southern California District	657	California (exclusive of counties north of Santa Barbara and Kern Counties)	657
Southern Region	59	Alabama Florida Georgia Louisiana Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee Texas (exclusive of the 17 western counties) Virginia	59
Western Pennsylvania District	37	Pennsylvania (Western)	37
Wisconsin District	121	Wisconsin	121
<u>UNITED STATES FEDERAL ORGANIZATION</u>	72	Arizona Colorado Illinois Iowa Kansas Kentucky Indiana Michigan Minnesota Missouri New Mexico Texas (17 western counties) West Virginia (exclusive of the four West Virginia counties) Washington Ohio	72
Total	5,183	Total	5,183
<u>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS</u>	13	Individuals	13

COMMERCIAL CREDIT REPORTS - FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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	6-30-60	9-30-60	12-31-60	3-31-61
San Diego	11	13	13	13
San Francisco	101	101	101	101
Savannah	0	0	0	0
Seattle	130	130	130	130
Springfield	0	0	0	0
Waco	11	10	10	10
Washington Field	11	9	10	10
TOTAL	1,511	1,481	1,483	1,483
San Diego	10	10	12	10

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)

DATE: 5-16-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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OO: NEW YORK

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IS OF SUCH A NATURE THAT IF REVEALED IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY JEOPARDIZE THIS SOURCE, IT SHOULD NOT BE SET FORTH IN THE DETAILS OF ANY REPORT UNLESS CAREFULLY PARAPHRASED SO THAT IT COULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SOURCE.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of an informant statement dated May 1, 1961, containing information orally furnished on May 1, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on May 8, 1961.

- 3 - Bureau (RM) (Encls. 3)
 - 1 - 100-31966 (JACK KLING)
- 9 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)
 - 1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
 - 1 - 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
 - 1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
 - ① - 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
 - 1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

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1 - A)134-46

1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)

1 - 100-3313 (JACK KLING)

1 - 100-16859

1 - 100-18961 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

1 - 100-38525 (POSSIBLE DELEGATION OF CP, USA MEMBERS TO MOSCOW, RUSSIA, MAY DAY, 1961)

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May 1, 1961

On April 30, 1961, MORRIS CHILDS and JACK KLING, both of Chicago, Illinois, met in order that KLING might be given a final briefing in connection with his scheduled departure for Moscow, Russia, on that date. KLING was to join the other members of the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) delegation who were already in Moscow for the May Day, 1961 activities.

During this briefing, KLING was informed by CHILDS of the details of the speech given in Chicago on April 29, 1961, by GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, wherein HALL criticized the KENNEDY Administration and set forth a sharpening of the Party's attitude regarding this Administration. This information regarding HALL's speech and change in the CP, USA position towards the KENNEDY Administration was to be made known to the CP of the Soviet Union.

KLING was also informed to prepare in writing a note which he was to transmit to the Poles in Moscow after his arrival there. In this note he was to advise them that BETTY GANNETT was very concerned over her brother, [redacted] and is in bad physical condition and quite ill. [redacted] were to be requested to see what could be done on his behalf and if it perhaps could be arranged that he be sent to the Soviet Union for medical treatment. KLING was also given a copy of a book entitled "The Struggle for Democracy in Latin America" published by MacMillan Publishing Company which he was to present to NIKOLAI VLADIMIROVICH MOSTOVETS, the head of the North and South American Section of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CP of the Soviet Union.

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KLING was also informed that while in Moscow, he should request a private meeting with ALEKSEI ANDREEVICH GRECHUKIN, Assistant to MOSTOVETS. If this meeting is arranged, he was to make inquiry regarding any confidential matters which should be brought back to the CP, USA.

He was also furnished with the oral message which was later to be reduced to writing to advise the Russians that GUS HALL had stated that commencing on July 4, 1961, "The Worker" would be issued on a two-time weekly basis. He was also instructed to use the figure of 10,000 as the membership of the

CP, USA, a figure which HALL had previously given to other members of this May Day delegation, if the question came up while in Moscow.

KLING was admonished not to raise any matters relating to financial questions while in the Soviet Union. He was also told to utilize care to be certain that no conflict arose among the various members of the CP, USA delegation, particularly with ARNOLD JOHNSON. If such situations arise, they should be brought back for discussion within the CP, USA and not discussed in the Soviet Union.

At this time, KLING noted that his wife desired that he attempt to visit certain of her relatives residing in Kiev and take to them a few personal items. He was cautioned that any effort in this regard should be handled through the delegation and properly requested through channels of the Soviets.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 5-19-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re Chicago letter, 5/8/61.

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED PAGES IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant statement dated May 8, 1961, containing information orally furnished on May 8, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on May 12, 1961.

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- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 3 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - ① - 100-80639 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - 100-74566 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
- 6 - Chicago
 - 1 - A) 134-46
 - 1 - 100-12459 (FLO HALL)
 - 1 - 100-17769 (CP, ILLINOIS DIST. - FUNDS)
 - 1 - 100-18952 (CP, ILLINOIS DIST. - MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - 100-18953 (CP, ILLINOIS DIST. - ORGANIZATION)

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May 8, 1961

On May 6, 1961, PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), was overheard discussing the figures relating to membership and dues payments sent in by the Illinois District of the CP. These figures had been furnished to the National Office by FLO HALL, Organizational Secretary, CP of Illinois, and reflected a total of 350 registrations on hand in the District and that another 50 are due to come in. In regard to dues payments for the District, HALL noted that they were averaging approximately 375 per month.

According to BART, the National Office has received only a total of 324 registrations from the Illinois District to date. On dues payments, the total for the first three months of 1961 received from the Illinois District was 795 and this figure was down from the 825 dues payments for a similar period of 1960. These are the figures maintained by the National Office and it is up to Chicago to give him new and additional up-to-date figures.

Overall, BART feels Chicago is too optimistic on their registration and dues figures.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)
SUBJECT: PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS
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Date: 5/22/61

CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY A HIGHLY PLACED AND SENSITIVE INFORMANT.

- 4-Cleveland (Info) (RM)
- (1-100-) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
- (1-100-) [redacted]
- (1-100-) (CP, USA - NATIONAL GROUPS)
- 1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
- ①-New York (100-80638) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (415)
- 1-New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
- 1-New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1-New York (100-54651) (CP, USA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (415)
- 1-New York (100-80641) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (415)
- 1-New York (100-128814) (CP, USA - NYD - ORGANIZATION) (415)
- 1-New York (100-128817) (CP, USA - NYD - MEMBERSHIP) (415)

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On 4/27/61, NY 2360-S* advised that on above date an informal discussion took place at CP Headquarters, NYC. The discussion pertained to the importance of the circulation drive of "The Worker" to improve the Party's work and organization.

Among those in attendance at the above meeting were the following:

PHIL BART
BETTY GANNETT
JACK STACHEL
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
HY LUMER

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PHIL BART opened the discussion by stating that the circulation drive should culminate on June 4, and that a general drive should be conducted during the month of May. He said that next week's Worker will carry an appeal by GUS (HALL) to the Party for support of the drive. BART said that certain individuals will be designated to go to various meetings and this program will be worked out in detail next week. He said packages will be made up including recruiting blanks and county meetings will be organized. JACK STACHEL commented that people have to be convinced politically to get the paper, and they now could be sent out by mail.

BETTY GANNETT stated that in addition to the county meetings, she felt that the leadership should visit all the clubs to find out what their problems are and to find out how they can be helped. She said that she would endeavor to contact the press directors to find out which of the clubs have done absolutely nothing and then "we" could attend their meetings and see what is wrong.

JACK STACHEL stated that he mails one paper out in a plain envelope every Thursday morning and two papers he delivers personally at 8:45 on Fridays on a street acceptable to both of us. He (not identified) picks them up on the way to work. The fifth paper "I" gave to a Negro fellow. These are some of the ways that papers can be delivered.

PHIL BART then gave a report on registration and dues. He pointed out that the report was incomplete, however, it appeared that dues were up generally, adding that there has been a considerable increase in dues. BART noted that this picture was

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incomplete, but that almost all the districts showed an increase. Informant noted that at this point BART then utilized the added security of the blackboard to emphasize certain points, but that this information was not available to the informant.

Informant advised that both BETTY GANNETT and LOUIS WEINSTOCK commented briefly on Party organization and its weaknesses, but both individuals utilized the added security of the blackboard and this information was not available to the informant.

HY LUMER commented that after taking a brief trip to Cleveland he came away depressed. He said that he had spoken to a number of people and got the picture of a situation which is not standing still, but rather is going down hill. He said the question of membership has become a very fuzzy thing... and whether an individual is or is not a member has become a matter of secondary importance. This is especially true among the Jewish people, especially among the younger ones, where their relationship to the Party has become a very vaguely defined thing. LUMER commented that the question of Party organization has progressively gone to pieces and the bulk of the Jewish people have moved out into the suburbs. He said that he had spoken to [redacted] and she told him that she has finally succeeded after a long period of struggle, to get two or three small groups of possibly four to six people in an effort to reorganize clubs around them. LUMER stated it was difficult to get an idea as to where the Party stands there (Cleveland?). The one thing that is solid is the West Side Section, consisting of older nationality groups, who remain

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"like rocks" and who are not involved in any mass work.

LUMER felt that in the period ahead the Party should designate someone to go out to the districts and make a detailed examination of what exists there. Preferably the people sent should know the districts adding the only way to get a picture is to go over the district person by person and club by club. On that basis you will be able to see what "we" must do to reverse the situation. The figures from both Michigan and Ohio are discouraging.

JACK STACHEL commented that with regard to dues payments, some areas collect dues and some areas do not. There are some areas that collect dues and send them in and others that collect the dues and do not send them in, so that for some time the dues payments do not reflect fully the membership.

The registration also reflects the looseness in organization. If "we" were to set up a year round checking machinery, we could possibly increase dues payments and have a more accurate registration. STACHEL commented that "we" should continue to strengthen the organizational work and raise the level of dues payments and organization. He noted that this could not be done by districts having so few paid leaders. He said that "we" can conclude that even with what we have, it is not well organized and we do not have sufficient control. He noted that it takes too long to get a registration completed, dues payments are unsatisfactory and most districts are living beyond their means.

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STACHEL felt that what was needed was to make an effort to re-establish organizations in a whole number of areas where the Party has been practically liquidated. He thought that a list of possibly 50 cities throughout the country should be made up where in a period of three to five months attempts to re-establish clubs should be made. He felt that if they were able to establish 50 clubs, they would be able to bring into the Party anywhere from 300 to 400 people.

Secondly, STACHEL felt that it would be impossible for the Party to grow unless the circulation of "The Worker" grows. He said that if they are able to solve "The Worker" question, they will be able to establish a base for Party growth.

Thirdly, STACHEL felt that in connection with educational work the Party should give more attention to the establishment of all kinds of forums and classes. He said that many of the people will come to learn, many of whom have socialist ideas. They will go so far as to read the paper and attend classes, but they will not come into the Party. He said "we" must learn to live with this kind of thing.

STACHEL also expressed the opinion that the party was not giving enough attention to education propoganda. He said that people wanted to know what Communism is all about, but that the Party is not competing enough in the ideological field. He said there were a number of people who were coming closer to the Party psychologically and if properly indoctrinated by our comrades, they

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could be brought closer to "us". He said it is necessary to take steps to overcome our weakness. He thought it possible to bring in 1000 people into the Party, as well as bring back those who left the Party.

PHIL BART said that a complete day should be devoted to these problems at the next NEC meeting. BART said it was also necessary that all the latest figures should be brought in.

Informant noted that BART then discussed membership figures, but due to the added security of the blackboard, this information was not available to the informant.

Meeting adjourned.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

May 23, 1961

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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ENTIRE CASE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH
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HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of an informant statement dated May 19, 1961, containing information orally furnished on May 19, 1961, by CG 8924-30, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on May 22, 1961.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 3) (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (JOHN AET)
- 3 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-54935 (JOHN AET)
 - 1 - 100-1083 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
 - 1 - 100-24924 (GUS HALL)
 - 1 - 100-9529 (MAE LAURIAN)
 - ② - 100-80933 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
- 2 - Chicago
 - 1 - A)134-10

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May 10, 1951

On May 10, 1951, MARY KAUFMAN, an attorney from New York City, was heard to state that JOHN ABE was not a Communist Party (CP) member, a fact which was unknown even to GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, until last Monday.

In regard to this statement of KAUFMAN in connection with JOHN ABE's Party status, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, CP, USA, on May 10, 1951, remarked that it may be so that ABE was not a Party member. According to FLYNN, ABE does not trust a soul and although he may be treated as a Party member, he probably is not a Party member technically. FLYNN stated that previously ABE and EUGENE DENNIS had implicit trust in each other and apparently an understanding existed that ABE would acknowledge himself as a Party member; however, now ABE does not apparently trust the current Party leadership, namely GUS HALL.

MARY KAUFMAN herself appears to fully acknowledge that she is a disciplined CP member, but probably is not a dues paying member. The fact she is not a dues paying member is not significant in regard to affecting her Party status.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

6/2/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 5/11 and 23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished Photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CORNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Montark Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these Photographs are being made an exhibit in PHIL BART's NY subject file.

Among the information furnished were the current national registration statistics of the CP, USA. Included among this material was a registration form reflecting a total registration in Southern California of 621, with what appears to be a figure indicating that there were 92 persons yet to be registered. This form also contained an age and sex breakdown of the membership as well as some literature distribution statistics. The source also furnished a dues report giving the total dues figure for the Southern California District for 1959 and 1960 along with a monthly breakdown.

Also attached to the above described material was a handwritten list of what appeared to be a number of clubs which were unable to complete their registration reports. It is not known if the figures which appear after each club were included in the total registration form, but it would appear that this is so.

Photostats of the above information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and Los Angeles for their information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Encls. 3) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Encls. 3) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

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On 5/11 and 23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and COENIE BART at their residence at 2415 Horwath Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these photographs are being made an exhibit in PHIL BART's NY subject file.

Among the information furnished were the current national registration statistics of the CP, USA. Included among this material was a "club form" registration for the "Ship Club" of Maryland, attached to which were the actual six registration forms of the individual members of this club. Also attached to this form were a number of notes, one of which indicated that these were only a partial registration for the Maryland District.

Also attached to this material were some handwritten pages by BART which contained a breakdown of this district and which included a breakdown of the Maryland District. This breakdown make it appear that Maryland possibly has in its partial registration a total of 14 members.

Photostats of the above information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and Baltimore for their information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Encls. 11) (RM)
- 2 - Baltimore (Encls. 11) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)

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On 5/11 and 23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished Photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 North 1st Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these Photographs are being made an exhibit in PHIL BART's NY subject file.

Among the information furnished were the current national registration statistics of the CP, USA. Included among this material was a registration form for the Northern California District reflecting a total membership of 273 members. This form also contained a statistical breakdown of the membership background. Also attached to this form was a list of what appears to be the names of the organizations and unions in which the Northern California membership is active in.

Photostats of the above information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and San Francisco for their information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

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On 5/11 and 23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished Photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Nothurst Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these Photographs are being made an exhibit in PHIL BART's NY subject file.

Among the information furnished were the current national registration statistics for the CP, USA. Included in this material were the registration figures for the Indiana District. This included nine club registration forms registering a total of 65 members. Also included were a handwritten breakdown of these nine registrations with the statistical background of the CP members in Indiana.

Photostats of this information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and Indiana for information.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Encls. 10) (RM)
- 2 - Indianapolis (Encls. 10) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 5/11 and 23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished Photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CORNIE BART at their residence at 2415 West 117th Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these Photographs are being made an exhibit in PHIL BART's NY subject file.

Among the information furnished were the current national registration statistics of the CP, USA. Included among this material were eight CP club registration forms from the Missouri CP District. Attached to each were the individual registrations for each member by club. The total registration appears to be 42. Also attached to this material was a handwritten tabulation made by PHIL BART which contained an over-all statistical breakdown of the Missouri registration.

Photostats of the above information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and St. Louis for their information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Encls. 52) (RM)
- 2 - St. Louis (Encls. 52) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 5/11 and 23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newark Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these photographs are being made an exhibit in PHIL BART's NY subject file.

Among the information furnished were the current national registration statistics of the CP, USA. Included among this material was a registration form for the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware CP District reflecting a total membership of 95 persons. This form also contained a statistical breakdown of the membership as well as the total number of CP clubs.

Photostats of the above information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and Philadelphia for their information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 5/11 and 23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished Photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 North Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these Photographs are being made an exhibit in PHIL BART's NY subject file.

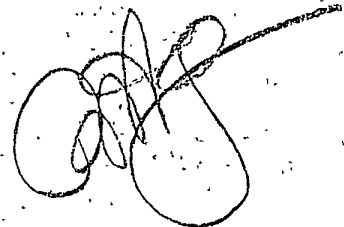
Among the information furnished were the current national registration statistics of the CP, USA. Included in this material was a registration form for the Wisconsin District reflecting a total registration of 63 members. This form also contained an abbreviated statistical breakdown of the CP membership as well as the number of clubs in that district which numbered 18.

Photostats of the above information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and Milwaukee for their information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Enc1.1) (RM)
- 2 - Milwaukee (Enc1.1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)

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On 5/11 and 23/61, NY 1037-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these photographs are being made and exhibited in PHIL BART's NY subject file.

Among the information furnished were the current national registration statistics of the CP, USA. Included in this material was a registration for the Oklahoma CP District reflecting a total of 12 members and one CP club. This form also contained a statistical breakdown of the membership as well as some background on the activities.

Photostats of the above information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and Oklahoma City for their information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Encl.1) (RM)
- 2 - Oklahoma City (Encl.1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)

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On 5/11 and 23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished Photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and GERIE BART at their residence at 2415 North 1st Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these Photographs are being made an exhibit in PHIL BART's NY subject file.

Among the information furnished were the current national registration statistics of the CP, USA. Included in this material were two forms containing the total registration for the Illinois CP District. The first of these contained a total of 273 registrations, and the second, which was an additional registration form, contained 51 registrations. Both forms contained a statistical breakdown of the background of the membership of the Illinois District as well as the number of CP clubs.

Photostats of the above information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and Chicago for their information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Encls.2) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (Encls.2) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 5/23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and SONNIE BART, from their residence at 2415 Newlark Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently the National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these photographs are being made an exhibit in the NY subject file of PHIL BART.

Among the information furnished by the source was the current National CP, USA registration statistics. Included in this information was a one page mimeographed form containing the registration for the Oregon CP District, as well as a statistical breakdown of the registration, along with other background information.

A photograph of this registration form is being made an enclosure to the Bureau, as well as Portland, for their information.

- 2-Durham (100-3-68) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2-Portland (Enc. 1) (RM)
- ①-New York (100-80638)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 5/23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART, from their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The information described herein was in the effects of PHIL BART, who is presently the National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA. The original negatives of these photographs are being made an exhibit in the NY subject file of PHIL BART.

Among the information furnished by the source was the current National CP, USA registration statistics. Included in this information were the registration figures for the Montana CP District. The registration and a statistical breakdown of it are contained on a one page mimeographed form to which there was attached a typewritten sheet also containing a further statistical breakdown. Among this material was a note to BART from GEORGE (LNU) apparently enclosing the registration forms. Attached to the above described items were the individual membership registration forms.

Photographs of the actual full registration form and the statistical breakdown of the registration are being made enclosures to the Bureau for their information. Copies of them, as well as the individual membership registrations are being made enclosures to the Butte Office.

2-Bureau (100-3-68) (Enc. 2) (RM)
2-Butte (Enc. 21) (RM)
1-New York (100-80638)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-631)

May 26, 1961

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-1873-V)

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[redacted] orally advised SA ERNEST R. STRAWMAN on May 17, 1961 that on May 12, 1961 [redacted] told him that the Communist Party, USA (CP) would increase its membership 500% in the next year.

[redacted] was described by [redacted] in March, 1961, as a member of the CP Railroad Commission.

This information is being submitted because of recent discussion among leaders of the CP, USA relative to the mass recruiting of new CP members.

[redacted] is currently characterized as having furnished insufficient information to determine reliability.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-18457) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-4931) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
- 3 - Minneapolis
- 1 - 100-11655 [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)

DATE: 5-31-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33742)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS
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(OO: New York)

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE, SINCE THIS INFORMATION CAN BE READILY ATTRIBUTED TO THE SOURCE IN VIEW OF THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED.

On May 19, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a one page typewritten legal sized item captioned "CP, USA, Fin. Report for First Qtr. - Jan. Thru March, 1961". This financial report bears the initial "C." as the maker, and this maker is probably CHARLES DIRBA, according to the source. This financial report had been furnished to the source by PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, for the use of the Audit Sub-Committee of the National Control Commission, CP, USA. The item was photostated by the Chicago Office on May 19, 1961, and returned to the source on that same date. One photostat has been retained by Chicago and made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33742-1A32. Two photostats of this item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and for New York.

Set forth below is the verbatim content of this financial report:

- 2 - Bureau (RM) (Encl. 2)
 - 1 - Boston (100-775) (HOMER BATES CHASE)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (100- (CP, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - FUNDS)
 - 20 - New York (Encl. 2) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
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- 1 - 100-26776 (CHARLES DIRBA)
- 1 - 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER)
- 1 - 100-48033 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
- 1 - 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE)
- 1 - 100-89691 (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
- 1 - 100-80633 (CP, USA - EDUCATION)
- 1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - 100-54651 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL GROUPS)
- 1 - 100-80640 (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION)
- 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
- 1 - 100-80644 (CP, USA - YOUTH MATTERS)
- 1 - 100-128314 (CP, NEW YORK STATE - FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-6562 (CP of PUERTO RICO)
- 1 - 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA - FUNDS)
- 1 - Philadelphia (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA - FUNDS)
- 1 - San Juan (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP of PUERTO RICO)
- 2 - Chicago
 - 1 - A)134-46

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"CP USA
FIN. REPORT for 1st Qtr. - Jan. thru March, 1961

INCOME

12,540 Dues (gross \$14,105; Avge. \$1.12 ea., 4180 per no.) Incm. from Dues	\$7,142.72
38 Initiations	19.00
S.S. Assessments	918.60
Gen'l Contributions	27,300.10
Contributions for Defense	583.00
" for Southern Work	1,700.00
" from Meetings	185.00
Returns for Literature	86.05
District Shares of N.C. Mtg. Exp.	700.00
TOTAL INCOME - 3 mos.	38,634.47

EXPENSES

Wages - Total \$11,325, less Bldg.W.\$1105, Office W. \$2145 -- General Wages - - -	\$8,075.00
Payroll Taxes & Insurance	1,031.60
Bldg. Exp. - Rent \$870, Wages 1105, Misc. 152.72 -- Tot. Bldg. Exp. - - -	2,127.72
Office Exp. - Wages 2145.00, teleph. & Tel. 468.47 Postage 146.78, Staty & Sup. 198.27 Equip. Maint. 6.50, Staff Lit. 243.27 Accounting 114.00	
Total-Office-Exp.	3,322.29
Org. Exp. - Travel 480.23, Auto Exp. 510.55 Fares - Ph-L. 531.59, Mtg. Halls 30.75 Receptions 168.71, etc. MidW, R. Exp 63.29	
Total Org. Exp.	1,785.12

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Subsidies--W.Penna. 800.00, E.Penna. 100.40--
 Total Subsidies 900.40
 Nat'l Comm. Mtg. Exp. 2454.85
 NEC. Mtg. Exp. 900.25
 Total NC. and NEC. Mtg. Exp. 3,355.10
 Gen'l Ed. & Agit. Exp. - Printing
 & Mailing Lit. & Leaf. 2394.93
 Research 454.45 Tot. 2,849.38
 Nat'l Ed. Com. Exp. - Gen'l \$220.00
 Travel-Fares-etc. 53.50
 So. Calif. 125.00 Tot. Ed. Com 398.50
 Nat'l Negro Com. Exp. 1,909.50
 Nat'l Labor Com. Exp. 900.00
 Nat'l Youth Com. Exp. 1,625.00
 Misc. Ed. & Agit. Exp. - Peace Work 65.00,
 Nat'l Gr. - PR. 450.00 -- Tot. 515.00
 Defense Exp. - L. Fees & Exp. 3353.00,
 Fine 75.00, Misc. 880.00 -- 4,308.00
 Spec. Welfare Aid 1,235.00
 Gen'l Welfare--
 Med. & Hosp. 292.80, Gifts 55.00
 Flowers 102.71, Funerals 1575.48

 Total Gen. Welf. 2,025.99
 Depreciation of Furniture & Equipment 27.00
 TOTAL EXPENSE-3mos. \$36,390.60
 OPERATING SURPLUS-3mos. 2,243.87

BALANCE SHEET - 3/31/61

ASSETS
 Cash Balance \$1,097.85
 Revolv. Fds. 175.00
 Security Deposits 1,135.00
 Seized by Internal
 Revenue 5,192.09
 Furniture & Equip.
 (Depreciated) 859.61
 Loans & Exch.
 Receivable 549.33
 Worker-On Loans 240.30
 On Rent 3,340.30
 - to 9/1 3100.00
 TOTAL ASSETS - 12,349.18

LIABILITIES
 So. Calif. Distr. 1,013.71
 Loans Pay. - From
 1956-57-59 5,250.00
 Loans Pay. - P. Bart -
 Feb'61
 Current Payroll Taxes
 & Ins. 1,089.05
 N.Y. St. Unempl.
 Ins. Reserve 1,293.52
 Rent Acct. Reserve 106.99
 TOTAL LIABIL. -3/31/61 8,853.27
 PRESENT WORTH
 (Assets ovr. Liab.) 3,495.91
12,349.18

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RECONCILIATION --

Surplus Bal. at Begin. - 1/1/61	\$1,252.04
Add Operating Surplus for 3 months	2,243.87
Present Worth - Surplus 3/31/61	<u>3,495.91</u>

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COMMENTS - Loans & Exch. need constant attention to get them paid or "cleared off". The \$549.33 Total consists of the following: Hy Lumer (old) 125.00, W.W. (Feb '60) 25.00 Homer Chase (Feb '60) 20.00, [redacted] Ben Davis (Bal. Nov. '60) 35.00. N.Y. St. (Mch '60) 73.00, [redacted] Does Comr. Patterson still need the \$100 Revolving Fund for Nat'l Negro Work. If not, he should return it, or settle with vouchers & cash.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 6-2-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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(OO:NY)

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OR REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION, BY ITS VERY NATURE, TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND NECESSARY TO BE SET FORTH IN ANY REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of an informant's statement dated June 1, 1961, containing information orally furnished on June 1, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on June 2, 1961.

- 3-Bureau (Enc. 3) (RM)
 - (1-100- (HUNTER: PITTS O'DELL)
- 1-Mobile (RM)
 - (1-100-1270 (HUNTER: PITTS O'DELL)
- 6-New York (RM)
 - (1-100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
 - (1-100-91330 (HUNTER: PITTS O'DELL)
 - (1-100-87211 (CP, USA - Factionalism)
 - (1-100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)
 - (1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
 - (1-100- (Intelligence Summary, National Committee Members)
- 2-Chicago
 - (1-A) 134-46)

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June 1, 1961

During the closed meeting of the National Executive Committee, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), held at the Chelsea Hotel, New York City, during the afternoon and evening of May 26, 1961, relating to the BENJAMIN DAVIS question, the following was learned:

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, who was a secret member of the National Committee, CP, USA, has quit the CP and is officially considered by the CP, USA, as being out. There is no hard feeling existing between O'DELL and the Party, and he is still on good terms with them and will work with them.

This information regarding O'DELL was given confidentially as an example of the damage which has resulted from DAVIS' failure to function properly as a CP, USA functionary. O'DELL's quitting the CP was directly attributed during these arguments to DAVIS' attitude and activity and inability of people to work with him.

United States Government
M E M O R A N D U M

Date: 6/8/61

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)
SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
NY DISTRICT
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ReNYlet, 4/10/61.

As of 6/1/61, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

- (1) Estimated number of CP members 1,861
- (2) Number of members identified since last progress letter 120
- (3) Number of members identified to date (6/1/60-6/1/61) 938
- (4) Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter 112
- (5) Number tentatively identified as CP members to date (6/1/60-6/1/61) 144

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
- 1 - NY (100-26603) (NY State CP) (414)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C40) (Bronx) (421)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C41) (Queens) (423)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C42) (New York) (424)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C43) (Kings) (422)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C44) (Westchester) (421)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C45) (Nassau) (423)
- 1 - NY (100-132430) (Industrial Division) (42)
- ① - NY (100-80638) (CP, USA Membership) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-128817) (414)

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Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns in this area are as follows:

"P" represents positive identifications; "T" represents tentative identifications.

Organization	Total 4/1/61 P/T	New Since 4/1/61 P/T	Deletions and Transfers P/T	Net Change P/T	Total 6/1/61 P/t	Estimated Current Membership
Bronx County	146/4	10/16	-9/0	1/16	147/20	220
Kings County	149/7	18/21	-4/-5	14/16	163/23	315
Queens County	111/5	11/9	-6/-5	5/4	116/9	135
NY County	223/11	44/23	-7/0	37/23	260/34	442
Nassau County	9/0	0/4	0/0	0/4	9/4	61
Westchester County	9/1	3/6	0/0	3/6	11/7	50
Industrial	198/17	34/33	0/-3	34/30	232/47	638
	<u>844/45</u>	<u>120/112</u>	<u>-26/13</u>	<u>94/99</u>	<u>938/144</u>	<u>1861</u>

The estimate of 1,861 is based upon the following information derived from the source noted:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Source</u>
New York County	442	NY 2017-S*. 4/21/61; [Redacted]
Queens County	135	[Redacted]

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Source</u>
Bronx County	220	[REDACTED]
Kings County	315	
Westchester Mid-Hudson	50	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
Nassau	61	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
Industrial Division	<u>638</u> <u>1861</u>	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60

The decrease of 60 in estimated membership in the NY Division results from the use of registration figures obtained through NY 2017-S* on 4/21/61, and 5/5/61; NY 2384-S* on 6/2/61 and [REDACTED] on 3/8/61, and the discontinuance of the use of registration figures obtained from NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60, thus:

	NY 2358-S*	NY 2017-S*, NY 2384-S*	[REDACTED]
New York County	502	442	-60
Bronx County	245	220	-25

The increase of 9 in Kings County results from discontinuance of use of registration figures obtained from NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60, of 306 and the use of the estimated figure of 315 reported by [REDACTED] on 5/26/61, an increase of nine.

The increase of 19 for Queens County results from use of [REDACTED] estimate of 135 members as of 5/29/61, instead of the previous estimate of 116 obtained from NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60.

The estimates for the Industrial Division, Westchester Mid-Hudson and Nassau have not been changed since no information subsequent to that furnished by NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60, has been received.

New York in relet 4/10/61, estimated the number of CP members in the NY Division as 1,921. This was arrived at by taking the total membership of the NY District CP figure of 2,003 furnished by NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60, and deducting therefrom an upstate estimate of 82 made by Albany and Buffalo offices, rather than deducting the figure of 85 members obtained from NY 2358-S*, which would result in a total of 1,918.

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The final element of loss, 3, is the result of using the total estimates set out by counties and Industrial Division as to membership, 1,861 and loss 60, which equals 1921, the figure which would have been used in relet had the NY 2358-S* information been used exclusively.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 6-9-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On June 7, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), dated Sunday, June 4. This letter was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original was returned to the source on June 8, 1961. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in CGfile 100-33741-1B3(221).

Two photostats of this item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York.

Set forth below are the verbatim contents of the above-noted letter except for the deletion of minor personal data which tends to identify this source or has no investigative pertinency. The information appearing in parentheses was supplied by the source on June 7, 1961, for assisting in the interpretation of the contents of this item.

"Sunday - June 4 -

"Dear [redacted] called me this a.m. on her way home. She was in fine spirit and very happy. The others (members of CP, USA, delegation to Moscow, May Day, 1961) will be home in about ten days. Two messages she brought for Gus (Hall) & all of us. Bill (Foster) is in very bad shape. It is a matter of days she was told to tell us. I presume /tho it sounds ghoulish to discuss/ we must decide what to do afterwards - funeral & buried there or here. I am inclined to say here, tho I can see reasons otherwise, expense etc. Possibly cremation there and bring the ashes here for burial at Waldheim (cemetery, Chicago) would be possible. What do you think?

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"Also she went to Poland. She found [redacted] much better - waiting to go to a sanitarium for the summer. They are concerned about somebody [redacted] from Detroit, a Greek, I believe, who is ordered deported and was supposed to make arrangements for voluntary departure to Poland. But

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"they have heard nothing there they say - no visa issued etc. and they were fearful he might be deported, in fact Monday is supposed to be the deadline. Do you know anything about this? I tried to call Carl (Winter) but got no answer. Will try again later.

"A delegation consisting of Ben (Davis), Jim J. (Jackson), and one or two others will go to Washington on Tuesday, in relation to Winny (Henry Winston). The tests or examination are very difficult, painful and even dangerous. The surgeon insists he be brought to his office where he has all the necessary equipment.

"I spoke in Queens, in a co-operative house last night. Forty people present. We collected \$115 for the paper. The membership here are good people. Pauli Robeson's mother in law was there. She said Pauli came back yesterday. Paul (Robeson, Sr.) is out of the hospital but taking it easy in Moscow. [redacted] was speaking in the auditorium of the house last night. Our paths criss cross all the time. I'm going to drop him a line of greetings.

"How is everyone.....By the way I told Phil (Bart) yesterday /he and Connie (Bart) dropped in to see me/ of our conversation with [redacted] and..... conversation with Gus (Hall). He recommended that she pay only for '61 - since Gene's death and we assume that he took care of it before that. He will register her etc. He feels this is sufficient and will cause less talk. She went away to her sister-in-law for the week-end. She will be better once [redacted] comes, I'm sure.....

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/S/ "Elizabeth"



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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Bu 100-3-69

New York, New York
June 9, 1961

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 8, 1961, that a Press Conference was held in Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, New York City, on that date. Among officials of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) present were Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Chairman, CPUSA and Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA.

Gus Hall made the opening statement indicating he would answer the question everyone has in mind as to what will happen next and what will be the outlook of the CP from now on. He then commented, "Let me say that the National Chairman will assure you that we do not see this as a farewell press conference." Hall said the way to defend the Bill of Rights is not just to defend it, but to expand its coverage to include the eighteen million Negro Americans, minority political groups "including our Party" as well as National groups, foreign born, the American Indian and others. He continued that if this "monstrous law" should prevail, then the United States will join Fascist states such as Portugal, West Germany and other countries where the measure of illegalizing the CP is taken. He said, "We agree with Justice Black fully when he said that when the practice of outlawing parties and various public groups begins, no one can say where it will end." Hall declared that as a result of these decisions, every American "including everyone of you here" has lost some political right. He claimed the law was never passed with the idea of compliance, but is a "diabolical fraud" pushed into law by the Racists, Eastland, Walters, Mc Carran and Nixon, then the Congress. He noted it was vetoed by President Truman.

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According to Hall, the law is, by design, a law that you cannot comply with. It is passed for the purpose of setting up the apparatus for policing all opposition and for policing political parties in the United States. The remainder of his statement, in essence, follows:

This decision by the Supreme Court asked the CP to commit suicide. I can say for the Party, for the officers, that we are not going to cooperate with any such trash. Specifically, in answer to the question of what we are going to do next, I want to say, first we have instructed our attorneys to file a motion for a rehearing. This is going to be filed in a few days and secondly, we will ask for a stay of application pending such a review. Secondly, on the general question, there are many legal ramifications that we have not yet had a chance to study that our Legal Department will go into. You can be assured of one thing and that is that we are not going to be informants. We are not even going to hide behind the fact that we have no membership list. We will just say we are not going to betray the confidence of one single member or supporter and as officers of the Party, we would rather live the rest of our lives in prison than to betray the trust and confidence of one member or supporter. We are going to fight with every single breath for open legal existence of our Party. Our Party has not only never been convicted, but has never even been charged with even advocating the violent overthrow of the Government. Our Party has never been convicted or even charged with espionage, sabotage or subversion and in spite of this, this is the big lie behind which these monstrous laws are now upheld. Frankly, the liberties and rights of every American are involved. I just want to say that this is not a farewell press conference. We know this is a serious challenge. We know it is a serious danger, but we feel confident that when the American people understand what is involved that we will win this fight.

In answer to questions asked immediately following this statement as to whether, after the Party has exhausted all legal processes, it would not register as required, Hall replied that there are many legal ramifications and that the

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decision of the Supreme Court is an odd one in many ways, including the fact that they did not pass on the provisions of registration, but left them in law without passing on anything.

Numerous questions ensued, some of which were repetitious or irrelevant.

Pertinent questions and answers follow:

Question. Would you go underground?

Answer. I think this Party will prevail. You cannot outlaw thoughts and that is basically what is involved here. In one form or another the thought of Marxism, the thought of Leninism, the thought of Socialism will prevail and will continue to grow.

Question. If you would get a form to fill out, would you fill it out, would you suggest that it be filled out wrongly?

Answer. No. I don't suggest that we fill it out in any way at all.

Question. Would you say definitely whether you have membership lists or not?

Answer. No. I think we are very definite that we do not. You don't think you can go to the Headquarters of the Democratic or Republican Parties or any other Party and ask for such lists.

Question. Can you say roughly if there were such membership lists, I am not suggesting that there are, but if there were, how many members would there be.

Answer. I would say we have given the estimate on the Seventeenth Convention and the estimate stands that it is around ten thousand except that in this last year, from everything we can observe, there has been a further build-up, not much but some.

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Question. You compare yourselves to the Democratic Party?

Answer. We are a political Party and we will fight for that position.

Question. Mr. Hall, did the CP oppose the use of the Smith Act against the Trotskyites when it was first invoked.

Answer. Not fully. I think at that time the Party should have taken a more vigorous stand.

Question. Will this decision keep you from circulating material?

Answer. Yes. That is one of the questions I am sure will be tried to be enforced. It calls for us to label everything.

Question. Would you be willing to label "The Worker" when you send copies out by mail subscriptions?

Answer. Well, of course, there are many questions involved. "The Worker" is not an official organ of the Party.

Question. If it became a choice between sending material out with a label or not sending it out at all, what will you do?

Answer. Well, we will cross that bridge when we come to it, but one way or another we are going to send out material.

Question. What is the Party membership?

Answer. Ten thousand as of a year and a half ago and has grown some since then.

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Question. Will your members register?

Answer. I cannot speak for the whole membership. There are dozens and dozens of legal questions to be decided. I really do not know what to say.

Question. Do you intend to comply with the law in any respect?

Answer. There are so many different phases of it I really cannot say.

Question. If all your legal efforts fail, will the Party go underground?

Answer. Well, we still have many legal steps to take and we feel very confident that once the American people know the movement it will never reach that point. We will cross that bridge when we come to it.

Question. Is the CP an agent of the Soviet Union?

Answer. This is the old big lie that Hitler used in coming to power and used it in every move and invasion. It now has the official sanction of the Supreme Court. That is that everything goes, in Anti-Communism. We, of course, have denied this and we deny it again and say that it is no truth in fact.

Question. If Russia and the United States went to war, would the CP support Russia or the United States?

Answer. That is a hypothetical question. We firmly believe that such a moment in history will never come, not only that war between the United States and the Soviet Union will never come, but a world war of any type.

Question. What if it did take place?

Answer. That is a hypothetical question that needs no answer.

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Question. What is your opinion of the Supreme Court decision?

Answer. It is a monstrous law and a monstrous decision it asks the CP to commit suicide and I can say very bluntly that we will not cooperate with any such precedent.

Question. What will the CP do?

Answer. As I said, we are going to appeal it. If it is upheld, we as officers would rather live the rest of our lives in prison than betray the trust or confidence of any one member or supporter. We are going to fight for the open legal existence of our Party.

Question. Is there a possibility that you will operate outside the law and go underground?

Answer. We have confidence that once the American people understand the issues involved, that we can resolve this decision either in Congress or in the Supreme Court and that we will never have to contemplate such action.

Question. Will you define your line of action?

Answer. We are going to take every legal step. We are going to the people of the United States.

Question. You cannot frustrate the will of the Congress.

Answer. The fact is that our Party has never even been charged with being an agent of a foreign power and has never been charged with attempting to violently overthrow the Government by force and violence.

Question. Do you have any Congressmen that you can go to to start Legislative action?

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Answer. We will go to every Congressman and every Senator and I am sure that some of them will understand and realize the dangers resulting from such a decision.

Question. Are you going to label your literature as belonging to a foreign power?

Answer. That is also a question that we will have litigation on, but I think I can state that we will not do any such thing.

Question. Will you release your membership lists?

Answer. We have no membership lists any more than any other political Party has and, therefore, we have nothing to release.

Question. Do you deny the existence of an international Communist Movement?

Answer. Absolutely.

Question. Do you deny the right of the United States Government to perpetuate the Government?

Answer. To perpetuate freedom and democracy, yes, but not to perpetuate the United States Government which is chipping away at the basic constitutional rights of the American citizens.

Question. Do you deny its right to protect itself against the Communist conspiracy?

Answer. The real conspiracy is a conspiracy to destroy the Constitution and the democratic rights of the American people. The conspiracy is not the CP.

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Question. Do you feel a Communist should perjure himself in denying Communist membership?

Answer. That is a hypothetical question that I really have no answer for.

Question. Congress says that your aim is to violently overthrow the Government. What do you say your aim is?

Answer. Our aim is to work for and advocate a system of socialism. Our idea of socialism and Communism has more kinship with the original system of the American Indian than has the system of Capitalism.

Question. Do you think you have the right to establish a Police State in America?

Answer. That is a hypothetical question and a slanderous one.

Another Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Hall was asked whether CP members actually have a card as you hear a lot about card carrying Communists. Hall replied that the Party hasn't issued cards for years and years. Hall was asked "do you get any support from Russia?" and he answered "no, we have drives for funds".

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There are transmitted herewith 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a Press Conference held in CP headquarters, NYC, on 6/8/61.

The confidential source used for the formal Press Conference was NY 2359-S*. The confidential source furnishing information on the interview of HALL in the penthouse office was NY 2362-S*.

This memorandum has been classified ~~confidential~~ because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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On June 9, 1951, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Benjamin S. Davis, Jr., National Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), was interviewed at Communist Party (CP) headquarters in New York City, on that date. The interview was conducted by Robert Meyer, a reporter for a Long Island newspaper named "The Sun". The reporter explained to Davis that he wanted his attitude and opinions for a feature story which would be published in "The Sun".

Davis said that it is his view that the President of the United States issue an executive order which would curtail all forms of propaganda, in New and throughout the United States. In reply to questions, he stated that the circulation of the Party's paper "The Worker" is approximately 15,000 to 16,000 and the membership of the Party is about 10,000. He explained that the membership figure fluctuates and that at the present time, the membership is increasing slightly. Davis stated that since the revolution in Russia, which resulted in Socialism, a lot of effort has gone over the sea and today it is possible to achieve Socialism through parliamentary legislation which may or may not involve violence. He said that if violence were used it would be the kind of violence that the government would have to use to defend and crush out any Russian or ultra reaction. He explained further that the CPUSA does not advocate violence and that if violence were taken place, it would be due to the fact that the ruling class would refuse to hand over power to the majority of the people. He said the purpose of the CPUSA is to call the masses together in order to elect working class representatives to congress and achieve a transformation of state power from the capitalist class to the working class.

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Davis was asked whether the majority of members of the CPUSA were Negro and he replied that the majority were white, but that there are a significant amount of Negro members both in the North and in the South. He said that the principal source of Party funds is from fund drives, which are conducted annually for the Party and the paper. He said that a secondary source of funds is from membership dues, the highest of which are \$1.00 a month.

Davis said that with Rockefeller, Kennedy and Harrison in the Government, it is a government of millionaires and Fascists. He stated that the whole trend of the world is away from capitalism and imperialism pointing out that fourteen Socialist countries lead one third of the world's population. He said these pressures are having a powerful effect on American capitalism. Davis spoke of "the hypocrisy of our President speaking around the world of defending freedom, when, as our General Secretary, Gus Hall says, freedom like charity begins at home." He said that if the CPUSA is outlawed, there will be no freedom or political choice whatever left for the American people.

Davis commented that for years, the American people were taught by John Foster Dulles and by the big capitalists of America that the Soviet Union is on the verge of collapse and that they could not get an atomic bomb without stealing it, but "then the first thing you know the Soviet Union was first with Sputnik and first to put a man into space." He said that in his opinion the American people are now beginning to doubt whether this diet of derogation fed to them over the years about Communism is true. He asserted that many people in this country do not know that "our literature is for sale in the public market and that anyone can join our Party." He said that anyone can come in and see what the Party's purposes are and that far from hiding that we should for we are constantly trying to get it before the public.

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In reply to a question as to whether the CPUSA are "agents of Moscow", Davis said that this is an old historic charge similar to the one used alleging that Jefferson was an agent of the Jacobins when he was fighting for the Bill of Rights. Davis continued that actually the allegation is a lie, that in fact "our Party makes its own decisions, arrives at its own conclusions, develops its own policies, is master of its own fate and takes orders from no one." He said the American people did not know this because they have been fed lies for thirty or forty years.

Davis noted that another idea is that the Party advocates violent overthrow of the government. He said here again this is "contrary to all policy of our Party. We think the real social violence in the United States today comes not from the Communists, but from what happens to the Negro in the South."

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There are transmitted herewith eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning an interview of BEN DAVIS of CP Headquarters, NYC, on 6/9/61, by a reporter for the Long Island newspaper, "Newsday."

The confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

This memorandum has been classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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Our estimated membership figure of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) has declined steadily over the past year, although the Party has stepped up its activities considerably during this same period of time.

During the past 12 months, the CPUSA has invaded the youth field with renewed vigor in an effort to draw more of our young people into its ranks. Party functionaries are visiting and speaking more frequently on college campuses in an attempt to sell their wares. With publication of "New Horizons for Youth," the Party hopes to win over those students who are "sitting on the fence." Through establishment of Marxist youth organizations by the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee, the Party feels that many of these youth members are prospective recruits for the CPUSA.

Although the Party is concentrating on youth activities, it is not neglecting other fields of communist penetration. Following up its assault on the issues of racial inequality and segregation, the Party hopes to entice more of the Negro people over to its side through the recent publication of "Freedomways," a quarterly magazine of the Negro freedom movement.

The Party is intensifying its propaganda and agitational apparatus in order to assist it in increasing the membership by 50 per cent. Starting in July, 1961, "The Worker" is scheduled to be published twice a week and the Party hopes to republish the "Daily Worker" by next year. Through the Party's newly established central distributing agency, World Books, the CPUSA plans to import communist books and magazines and sell subscriptions to foreign communist publications.

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[Handwritten signature: J. Waters]

Letter to Albany
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP

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CPUSA Organizational Secretary Phil Bart proposed at the National Executive Committee meeting held 5/27-28/61 in New York City that the Party reinstitute or revitalize its defunct or partial organization in 50 cities where there was formerly an organization or where the current organization needs to be strengthened. He mentioned that the present circulation of "The Worker" is 17,750 and desires to increase it to 20,000.

Emphasis is also being applied in the trade-union field, among the farmers, and in the field of women's activities. The Party is making it easier for the noncommunists to get a Marxist education through the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies and the Chicago School of Social Science.

On the other hand, it is noted that in view of the Supreme Court decision upholding the Internal Security Act of 1950, requiring the CP to register, the Party may have difficulty in recruiting new members.

Regardless of the various factors, it is important that the Bureau have an up-to-date, sound, accurate estimate of CP membership throughout the country and you are instructed that emphasis must be placed on getting the data to provide this information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-67670)

DATE: 6/16/61

FROM: SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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- 1-NY 100-15946
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- 1-NY 100-129629
- 1-NY 100-26603-C43
- 1-NY 100-128817
- ①-NY 100-80638
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(CONNIE BART) (422)

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- (JAMES TORMEY) (422)
- (PHIL BART) (415)
- (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
- (CPUSA NYD KINGS COUNTY) (422)
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June 2, 1961

On Sunday May 28, 1961 at 8:30 PM, [redacted] came to the home of [redacted] [redacted] NY. She said she had spoken to CONNIE BART again about the [redacted] and had tried to push her into accepting them in her group. She hadn't told CONNIE that she had already accepted them and taken money for initiation and dues. CONNIE was furious with her because she does not want to be rushed and she will take them in when she thinks it best.

[redacted] told the [redacted] she felt terrible but she would have to return their money to them and asked them never to tell anyone she had taken same. She could have told CONNIE she took them in but she doesn't want to cause any disention in the Party. She told the [redacted] to force the issue of becoming members through [redacted] They should demand to be heard and to be answered directly, not through channels. She said if they get no satisfaction from their request to see CONNIE from [redacted] they should write letters to 1st The Brooklyn Committee c/o JIM TORMEY, next the State Committee which would come to her and last the National Committee which would get to PHIL BART. She asked them to do this not because she is friends with them but because this is an important issue. She wants to know who has the authority to accept or refuse applicants to the Party. She says the Constitution of the Communist Party states that the only requirement for a person seeking membership is that they be sponsored by someone reliable in the Party. Both she and BILL ALBERTSON have personally approved the [redacted] and she cannot see what gives CONNIE BART the right to refuse them.

[redacted] home at 12:15 am.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 6-9-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN CAN BE READILY ATTRIBUTED TO THIS INFORMANT BECAUSE OF THE SOURCE FROM WHICH RECEIVED, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF IT IS FOUND NECESSARY TO PLACE THIS INFORMATION IN ANY REPORT. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT NO DISSEMINATION BE MADE UNLESS IT IS BELIEVED TO BE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

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On June 6, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), dated Thursday, June 1, 1961. This letter was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original was returned to the source on June 7, 1961. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in CGfile 100-33741-1B3(220).

Two photostats of this item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York.

Set forth below are the verbatim contents of the above-noted letter except for the deletion of minor personal data which tends to identify this source or has no investigative pertinency. The information appearing in parentheses was supplied by the source on June 7, 1961, for assisting in the interpretation of the contents of this item.

"June 1st. 1961. - Thurs.

"Dear.....I was glad to have Tues. a holiday, which allowed me time to write a column and catch up with preparing my report for yesterday. (Meeting of National Executive Board, CP, USA) Three reports were given. Hy (Lumer) reported on the Economic Situation; the other was from the South.. No great discussion. They all went to hear Gus (Hall) in the evening and I took [redacted] to dinner, at my other favorite restaurant - Macy's.....
.....Before the meeting Gus told me that the

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[redacted] left yesterday. He had planned to go in a week and they had planned to leave in a month, after the boy finished school. Instead they were all requested to come at once. Either he (William Z. Foster) is worse or may want to return. Apparently the Dr.'s verdict that he cannot walk was a hard blow to him. We should know shortly. May be you will get some news. Gus is worried.

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[redacted] is in much better spirit. She spent the week end and holiday with her sister-in-law on L.I. [redacted] I told her the suggestion re dues etc. and she was satisfied. Only Phil (Bart) was sick and did not come in yesterday. I'd have finalized with him. We'll do so as soon as he is better. You were wise to go ahead when the opportunity seemed to favor. She is reconsidering calling Gus and I think she will do so. I'll try to arrange a little farewell party before she leaves. I told Bob (Thompson), Bill Albertson, Betty (Gannett), Hy - to call her up and see her. Irving (Potash) has done so once or twice, altho he is at John's (Abt) temporarily. No action, except to accept, was taken on my report. The N.W. will be settled otherwise, I presume.

"I am very tired - after four days' of sitting up there. Will do a few chores for myself - like haircut, get a new spring fall coat and a couple of dresses, thanks to a little extra cash. [redacted] (nephew of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, not connected with movement) got one radio and toaster back from repairs at Standard Brands and is getting a new plug for my record player. They (Russians) did give me one over there but did not send it along. The plugs are round, you'll remember, and we need flat ones here. They put a much better head on (Victor) Perlo's article in the P.W. (People's World) Did you see it? 'The Curve is Up-But Watch for Sudden Slump.' I asked, when we discussed his article and two others were called in from the paper, in addition to Jack (Jackson) & Jim, (Allen) why he was not invited. Gus answered 'He is not a party worker.' I replied I could not see that as a reason because unfortunately what he writes in the paper, nevertheless, is taken to be our views on the question and it will cause confusion. Jim said nothing. Jack whispered to me there is a feud between P (Perlo) & Hy. It's an odd situation.

"Did you see the enclosed in the P.W.? I have tentative dates with Hy & Bob (Thompson). Hy seems troubled. How is [redacted] Any news further of [redacted]

.....
/S/ "Elizabeth

"I have not seen or heard from [redacted] The young man who lives there told me she stayed away with some friends, phoning that she was 'too weak' to come home. Poor thing! It's pitiful."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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(OO: NEW YORK)

DATE: 6-21-61

Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/11/61, and captioned as above.

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN SINCE MUCH OF THE INFORMATION WAS SECURED THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGES BASED ON BLACKBOARD NOTATIONS WHICH WERE LATER ERASED OR BY WRITTEN NOTES SUBSEQUENTLY BURNED. IN VIEW OF THIS, IT IS APPARENT THAT IF THIS INFORMATION IS REVEALED, IT COULD JEOPARDIZE A MOST HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE WHO IS FURNISHING INFORMATION RELATING DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant statement dated June 13 and 16, 1961, containing information orally furnished on June 13, 1961, to SAs CARL N. FREYMAN and RICHARD W. HANSEN and on June 16, 1961, to Bureau Stenographer [redacted] and SA RICHARD W. HANSEN by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This information was reduced to writing on June 20, 1961.

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 (1- 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
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June 13 and 16, 1961

On June 10, 1961, a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, was held at CP, USA Headquarters, New York, New York. Among the members of the National Executive Committee and invited guests in attendance at this meeting were the following:

GUS HALL
PHIL BART
JACK STACHEL
IRVING POTASH
BEN DAVIS
HY LUMER
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
CARL WINTER
JAMES JACKSON
MORRIS CHILDS
GEORGE MEYERS
[REDACTED]
MICKIE LIMA
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
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This session of the National Executive Committee meeting was chaired by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, CP, USA.

During the proceedings of June 10, 1961, a number of major reports were delivered, including one by GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA. The essence of HALL's remarks follow:

We will not resolve all questions this weekend. We may have to stay here a few days longer. We may even be in continued session until we resolve all the problems before us growing from the Supreme Court decisions.

It is clear that the decisions of the Supreme Court open a new chapter in the history of our Party. Also, we might say a new page in the history of the United States. We are in a stage of struggle for democracy and for the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights can no longer be taken for granted in the United States. Therefore, the fight is for democracy in the United States for the working class, for the Negro people, for all of the common people.

A process of corrosion, and even a nibbling away of democracy, has been taking place in the United States now over a period of years. First there were Communist trials. Together with this, they pushed through the Taft-Hartley Law. Then they sent people to jail because they believed in the First Amendment of the Constitution or used the protection of the Fifth Amendment. Now they have the Landrum-Griffin bill and simultaneously, decisions once again attack the Communists. But these decisions of the Supreme Court qualitatively are a big blow against civil liberties and civil rights. It is necessary to go into the background of this deterioration of democracy in the United States in order that we prepare ourselves to defeat reaction.

There is a new stage in the world crisis of capitalism. It affects United States capitalism, too. This crisis is not only here in the United States, but we have seen the effects of it in Turkey, South Korea, France, and other countries. This verifies what the 81 Communist and Workers Parties Conference said - that not only is this a reflection of the general crisis of capitalism (that is what is happening in the United States), but it also marks a sharpening of class relations. This proves that democracy has become an obstacle to capitalism. Capitalism has now become the enemy of democracy; as the days go by, capitalism will find it more difficult to hold on to the mask of democracy.

But we cannot stop here on this abstraction. If we did it might lead to the theory that this is inevitable and if it is inevitable, why fight it? Life is not that simple. The ruling class has many real serious difficulties in putting this anti-democratic policy into life. United States imperialism must

somehow continue to use the mask of democracy in the world. There are two dominant currents that prevail in this epoch - socialism and the colonial liberation movement. They are representative of democracy. These movements are interwoven with the struggle for democracy. Because of this fact, the United States needs a mask. The world is rejecting any and all anti-democratic tendencies. This is a difficulty for United States imperialism.

Some years ago, this mask of democracy was not so essential, but now the United States imperialists in their own interests must try to hold on to the mask of democracy. In the United Nations vote on the Portuguese oppression in Angola, United States imperialists had to go along and vote to condemn Portugal. ADLAI STEVENSON's trip to Latin America is another effort to peddle United States interests and for this they found a salesman like STEVENSON who has a liberal past, and in the minds of millions, associated with democratic traditions. United States capitalism is forced to preserve the mask of democracy and it is this that makes it difficult for the Government to suppress the Communists. The Negro problem too, is part of the world struggle against colonialism and oppression. We might, therefore, repeat and emphasize that the Negro problem is the Achilles heel of United States imperialism.

The struggle for democracy and for the Bill of Rights is part of the world picture. The anti-imperialists, even those who are at the same time anti-Communists, will pick up this issue against the United States. As we fight, we are giving new issues to the peoples of the world. To repeat, this is a major difficulty for United States capitalism.

There is no unanimity in the ranks of the ruling class on the suppression of democracy and Communists. This can be seen in the fact that the court was divided. Many editorials such as in the "New York Times", the "Washington Post", and in the "Herald Tribune" interview with me, show an indication that the ruling class is divided. We should be able to use this division for the Bill of Rights.

The ruling class is confronted with other difficulties. Millions of people are beginning to understand that an attack on

the CP is really an attack on other sections of the population. This was not so in the past. People did not understand this, but now we can use this to sharpen the difficulties for the capitalist class.

Another big difficulty is the law itself. Here, we are speaking of the Smith Act and the McCarran Registration Act. This law is a legislative mess. This is another weakness that can be used.

There is a new level of consciousness on the part of the American people regarding democracy. This "legal" document contains the big lie technique-the United States never used this method before, but now the high court accepts a congressional finding. No trial, no proof, just a finding of Congress. The trade unions will see this and ask how come and why. This attack against us comes after the MC CARTHY period was exposed and discarded by the people. The people will see dangers to democracy even if the big lie is covered with legal terms. In politics, one plus one does not make two. We therefore have to see the entire picture in the world as well as the domestic situation. If we take all of these things into consideration, we are confident that this battle can be won despite some casualties.

There are certain tactical things to consider but one thing is clear, we must link this fight for the rights of the Party with the fight for peace, for Negro rights, for higher standard of living, against unemployment, etc.

Our posture is to fight back militantly. This posture we have assumed. We will fight on every front and we will continue to be on the offensive. We will try to reach millions of people and we will give them answers. We will tell them what the CP is, what is its aim. If some say the Communists are "nothing", then why this attack on us and democracy? Our Party is more mature and wiser than in the past. There has been a healthy reaction on the part of our leadership and membership. Three years of trial and error have helped us. Here we are referring to the Party after the trials and the underground period.

Party unity is at a premium today. We must demand unity and a new sense of responsibility on the part of our cadre.

This is the occasion to wipe out all liberalism regarding the question of unity of the Party. Whatever we decide, we must always give the benefit of the doubt to the Party. We will move and work on this basis in the present situation.

Some scavengers have emerged in our ranks. They try to use this situation when the Party is under attack to undermine our leadership and the Party itself. We will end the effort on the part of these scavengers. The dominant forces in our Party, however, are the healthy elements, and they will help us to do away with the last factional remnants.

We need to think over the past experiences of the CP, USA, and in our tactical moves, we must avoid excesses in carrying out our line. In the past, we sometimes veered from one extreme to the other. But now the past should not stop us from doing what needs to be done. We have to show maturity, boldness, and flexibility. Shouting alone will not advance us. The leadership must consider all measures to avoid unnecessary blows on the part of the enemy. We are being tested and not for loyalty alone, and even though we are carrying over weaknesses from the past, if we master the art of leadership, we will win. Our greatest mistake would be the lessening of mass work. Our flexible tactics must guarantee that mass work continues.

We must review our past decisions in the light of these new developments. Perhaps now everybody will understand the correctness of our policies, although I might say here some never will. Just as in the past, the key is in the breaking of our isolation. We cannot have a defense of the Party without this. There are a number of organizational questions that we must consider. Perhaps now some comrades will understand why a bulky apparatus is not good for us. There are still sections in New York who refuse to carry out our decisions to break up the bulky structure apparatus. We will now demand that these decisions be carried out. We want the Party to give emphasis to the organizational role of the clubs and why the clubs play and continue to play the key role. (Maybe now, some sectarian comrades will be better able to understand the question of open "vanguard" and the real "vanguard" role of the Party. If these sectarians who do not understand this held sway, they would lead us, that is the Party, to disaster. This is why such sectarians must be

removed from leadership. Maybe now they will understand the meaning of legal and illegal work, mass contacts, discipline, etc. This challenge of the capitalist class should help the Party to understand the meaning or the essence of the unity of the left. The 16 points which we are discussing on the blackboard emphasize the relation of Party work to mass work. We might say that if Number 16 emerges as a question, then there will be no hesitation on our part. It is definitely related to Number 7. There is no matter of principle involved here but we will need and form this new organization (point 16) only if 6 and 7 can be guaranteed.

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| (6) Safeguard | (14) Press |
| (7) Membership | (15) Magazine Supporters |
| (8) Club Meetings | (16) New Organization |

In connection with the report of HALL, a number of individuals made comments which are set forth below:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

There is a difference between the period now and the period of MC CARTHY and the VINSON decision. The biggest challenge facing the Communists is the foreign agent charge. The Party must work hard to expose this. The Negro question is key in the international arena. The Negroes at this time are the chief fighters for democracy. We must expose the hypocrisy of the United States Government that goes to war for "freedom" abroad but is destroying the Bill of Rights at home. The Negroes understand this especially because young KENNEDY (Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY) proposes a cooling off period in the South, does not lift a finger to enforce the Constitution down there, while scores of Negro defendants are thrown into jail, but is anxious to enforce this anti-democratic law against the Communists and others who believe in democracy.

JAMES JACKSON

This is a period of the offensive spirit and initiative on the part of the Party leadership. Editorials in the capitalist press correctly state that we Communists have been cast in the role of leading the broadest fight for democracy. The new Constitutional crisis is a symbol of the general crisis of United States capitalism.

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK

There is no doubt that the KENNEDY Administration will ask for more sacrifices - they first will move taxes upon the people, try to prevent wage increases, shorter hours, etc. Undoubtedly, the Administration is getting ready for something, some new adventure, as they are behaving as they did in 1940-50 before the Korean War. But we do not know yet what they are planning.

BEN DAVIS

Senator OLIN JOHNSTON of South Carolina says that the freedom riders are part of the Communist conspiracy. When these Dixiecrats talk and talk for the Administration about civil rights, it is like a cat who is guarding the milk. The courts have ruled that desegregation should take place with deliberate speed. Seven years have gone by but there has been no enforcement by the Government. Because it is a government of monopolists, they were allowed ten years time to dispose of the General Motors stock. Young KENNEDY is in no hurry on desegregation and in breaking up the monopolies, but is in a hurry to enforce this law against the Communists. This is the clearest example of class justice. We must ask this question, what is the Administration planning now? By suppressing freedom in 1950, they pushed us into the Korean War. What now, a new Cuban invasion, a new war somewhere else, the beginning of new atomic tests or what?

MICKIE LIMA

With Justice BLACK's dissent, we should also look up the remarks of Justice WARREN in the original decisions in the Smith Act cases in the high courts. We should use the dissent to educate the people.

SI GERSON

This speedy reaction on the part of the Party is good even if the buttons on the uniform are not polished. The defense must be a broad movement but what we do is stimulate. We are not building a movement for ourselves. We must make it clear that we are defending all Smith Act victims, Party or non-Party.

GEORGE MEYERS

The initiative and offensive character of the defense on the part of our leadership is commendable.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK

The Party and its leadership have shown good initiative, however, we need more spelling out particularly on the charge that we are foreign agents. I have had many experiences recently indicating that this charge above all is a stumbling block. We can expand the press now if we really lead the fight for democracy.

IRVING POTASH

We should give immediate consideration to answering the Attorney General. We should use every possible means including ads in the newspapers. We should expose the Attorney General. We should also show how the United States is trying to dictate to the rest of the world by telling all other countries what they ought to do about Communism. There is no room in our Party for factionalism. Yet we must point out that only a few days ago in the New York Board, some people tried to utilize this situation to weaken the unity of our Party rather than strengthening the unity. We must expose these factionalists and drive them out.

CARL WINTER

We undertake action on different levels but no matter where we work, we still remain Communists. Justice BLACK's dissent is a very good document in the context of the United States tradition; we must use it by all means. But remember that this is not our document - this a bourgeois justice speaking. We, therefore, do not have to make it ours. We do not hang our defense and the

survival of the Party on any one gimmick or even on the Fifth Amendment. We must always keep in mind our Communist ideology and how to skillfully use all other questions that will help us in the fight for the defense of the Party.

MORRIS CHILDS

On the importance of the unity of the Party in this critical period, the use of umbrella organizations, particularly in the trade union field, is important.

JAMES TORMEY

If we Communists press the real issues - economic, Negro, peace - we can create a situation like in the FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT Administration. We can force the flank of the capitalist class which includes the courts and get some changes. The struggle for the Party is primary. Therefore, we attach great importance to defense work. We should avoid a regimented approach to the various sections of the population. Each must be approached differently and at a different level.

JACK STACHEL

A good beginning deserves a good follow-up. This is why we have to intensify our fight for jobs, peace, for Negro rights. These struggles will continue just the same. Keep in mind that the bourgeoisie will try to separate us from the people and their movements. There are many things in our favor, chiefly the suffering of the people. Because the people are suffering, this exposes the weaknesses of United States capitalism. In point one, the CP, GUS emphasized ideology and training of cadre. This means that we must take every measure to preserve books, to safeguard them. We must not make the same mistake we made during the early fifties. Unity of the Party is paramount and we have to fight for it like we have never done before.



The younger generation, particularly the students, have reacted with anger on the court ruling. These young people are

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angry because of the treatment the Negro freedom riders are receiving and because of the abuse on the part of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The campuses are sort of quiet now but we can look forward to defiant invitation from the student bodies and even faculty bodies for Communists to appear on the campuses to explain what they stand for.

ERIC BERT

The bell is tolling for a lot of other people, not just the Communists. This is why they will join with us in the fight for democracy. The greatest struggle now is the one around the freedom riders. This proves that we are not alone. The people are reacting sympathetically toward the freedom riders. The people are resisting the reactionary laws and I have heard of and have had some personal experience to show that the people despise the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Some examples were cited of communities turning down the showing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities film.

TOM NABRIED

Greetings to the national office for their initiative and speed. A little afraid of the "bravery" shown by the people ready to go to jail. This "bravery" almost borders on complacency. The Party did not fight hard enough for the right of the ballot and this makes it easy for the Government and the reactionaries generally to use the charge of foreign agent. Therefore, it is the duty of the Party to explain to the people why 37 states have deliberately ruled the CP off the ballot. This was the preparation to show that we are not an ordinary political party and yet they plotted to prevent us from acting as an ordinary political party.

PAT TOOHEY

In Puerto Rico, there is a constant struggle going on exposing United States imperialism. While I was there, I participated in a picket line before a prison gate with other people. There are hundreds of political prisoners in Puerto Rico. We should keep this in mind and consider the fight for the freedom of these political prisoners as a part of our struggle.

At this point, additional comments were made by GUS HALL.

We have to continue this discussion tomorrow. We are a little bit too slow in getting material out immediately. First thing we need is a piece of material that explains the dissents in this Supreme Court ruling - our position on registration, etc. We should send this around the world. We also need a sharp answer to Attorney General KENNEDY immediately. By Monday, we should have our defense office open. We should have postcards which people can sign and send as a protest to the Attorney General, President, and the court.

In this pamphlet we will issue, we should include some sections of Justice WARREN's dissent. Just as BOB KENNEDY talks about backing of the Supreme Court, we should talk of the opinion of some of the Supreme Court Justices against the majority and the abandoning of the Bill of Rights and we should issue a pamphlet on who's who in political prisoners of the United States and in its territories. We should include Puerto Rico. We should include the Pacific Islands including Okinawa and other islands within areas of United States control and also we should emphasize the freedom riders and call them political prisoners as they are. We generally need to sharpen up against the KENNEDY Administration. Its prestige is sinking - many editorials in the press prove our point. We should certainly sharpen our attitude toward BOB KENNEDY, particularly his handling of the freedom riders. On the handling of JUNIUS SCALES and AL BLUMBERG and others who are not now in the Party we need an attitude. This attitude is that they are political prisoners and we will give them defense if they want it. We need to do this and have this attitude because these people influence a lot of other people around the Party. We are sometimes charged with neglecting non-Party people. This political attitude remains. On the unity of the Party, this is a very important question. We do not agree as BEN presented it. (This is how BEN DAVIS placed it - we draw all Party people together no matter left, right or others). In regard to BEN DAVIS' position, Comrade GUS does not agree with this position because this would mean that the leadership of the Party has not been trying to win all Party members for unity. The problem is that people who have rejected and continue to resist the Party line, we cannot afford liberalism toward these people in this present serious situation.

In connection with an approach to cadre, the promotion of cadre cannot be based on where they stood two years ago or even a year ago. There are new factors in this situation. We must ask where does this cadre stand now. That thought has to be dominant. We reject the idea that an old stand of some person will determine our attitude toward this cadre. We have to combine ability with political line of a cadre. We cannot isolate ability from it. We cannot separate a political attitude from ability.

Yugoslavia is building socialism, but its political line is bad. Some might ask why attack them then if they are building socialism. We need to attack them because they have an unhealthy attitude toward the U.S.S.R. and other socialist countries. That as a result of this attitude, they produce corroded and a warped cadre. This analogy may not be exact but we must state, however, that there are two sides to the cadre question. Where do you stand today and how to cultivate to get the best practical results from this cadre. [redacted] [redacted] has shown in her work both good qualities and weaknesses, but she is willing to work and accept assignments. Her basic political attitude is correct. We must utilize every force in the Party as long as they are basically loyal and willing to work. This leadership does not place obstacles in the way of anyone who is able and willing to work. There are comrades present here who have had such weaknesses. They know about it and we do not have to emphasize or name them. Their attitude should change. There is such a thing as Party criticism but slanderous criticism cannot be tolerated. We should remove such comrades. We should check later if it was correct or not, for we must give the benefit of the doubt to the Party.

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A second major report delivered at this session of the meeting was one in regard to the action program in defense of the Party made by HYMAN LUMER. The essence of LUMER's remarks are set forth below:

This program of action is based on a number of meetings of the Board as well as discussions in the Defense Committee. We proceeded on the basis of urgency of the situation and the necessity to launch a mass struggle within our ranks and working

with other progressives, liberals, and sections of the left to develop a campaign and counter-offensive against the government's effort to suppress civil liberties and the Party. We will not turn the CP into a defense organization but neither will we merely delegate this task to a few people. We are setting up a committee and an apparatus for defense with one person working full time. The leadership Defense Committee consists of Chairman ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, HY LUMER, PHIL BART, CARL WINTER, and JAMES TORMEY. The apparatus and the office will work with a broader committee with [redacted] working full time. This broader Defense Committee is now being set up, the office is already open. 1) This Committee, in addition to broadening itself, has as its first task the raising of a \$50,000 fund for defense purposes as as a second task the issuance of immediate literature such as an open letter to the American people which will be published in the newspapers as an ad and also re-printed in the form of a folder for mailing and mass distribution. 2) Justice BLACK's dissent as well as other Justices' or some parts of other Justices' dissents will be put out in the form of a 32 page pamphlet already sent to the printers and should be out soon. All districts should make commitments as to how many of these they will take. 3) That we are preparing special folders dealing with the pertinence of the Supreme Court decisions to labor, the Negro people, the Jewish people and to youth. On this same point, we are also preparing a factual pamphlet on the nature of the law. 4) We are publishing a special "Worker" edition and a supplement on this question to appear on the 24th of June.

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Not all of this material will appear in the name of the CP. Some may carry the imprint of the Defense Committee. Additional material is being proposed to appear in the near future. 1) A basic pamphlet on the Party aims. This is to answer the slanders against the Communists. 2) A document for international distribution. 3) A layman's brief. 4) A defense periodical to appear monthly. 5) Special films, projects, and records and tapes for wide distribution to appear and be used.

All districts have been asked to clear the issuance of local material with the Party committee. The districts will also work out plans on the local level. The leadership will visit the districts and mobilize the Party membership. The Chicago Defense Committee, the California Defense Committee,

and the newly formed New York Defense Committee are to take the initiative to mobilize and lead a comprehensive united front for the Conference of Defense. This Conference should be attended by at least 2,000 people coming from all over the United States. This Conference should convene on August 5th. Half of this delegation is expected to come from the New York area. A list of sponsors is now being made up including such names as former Governor of Minnesota BENSEN, former Congressman DELACEY, former Attorney General of California ROBERT KENNY, DU BOIS, Royal France. OTTO NATHAN (biographer of EINSTEIN), HARVEY O'CONNOR, [REDACTED] SCOTT NEARING, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HOLLAND ROBERTS, VINCE HALLINAN, [REDACTED] JOHN MC MANUS, CORLISS LAMONT, BEANIE BALDWIN, WILLARD UPHAUS, ROCKWELL KENT, [REDACTED] American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, [REDACTED].

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An effort will be made to get these people and others to act as the initial sponsors of this conference. This will not include other united fronts - for example, if trade unionists do not want to meet with or participate in this conference, they can organize themselves into a separate committee for defense if they so desire.

The general aim is to build at least 100 committees from coast to coast and if the conference results only in this, even committees as small as ten people, it will be a great influence on raising this question of the defense of the CP over all parts of the country. The general aim is to build movements for defense of democracy for the Constitution and Bill of Rights that will grow in depth and breadth. This Defense Committee will not be a membership organization but it will be a permanent committee for the defense against the McCarran and Smith Acts, for the Bill of Rights, and for the defense of civil liberties.

This committee will aim to raise \$50,000 as a beginning. Each district is expected to set up a special committee for the defense of the Party and for the raising of finances.

Eastern Penna. & Delaware

9 clubs (3 still missing)

Age

18 - 25 ----- 27

25- 35 ----- 16

35 - 45 ----- 25

45 - 55 ----- 29

55 & over --- 18

Total 115

Male - 62

Female - 53

Negro - 31

TIME IN THE PARTY

5 or less --- 36

5 - 10 ----- 12

10 - 15 ----- 17

15 - 25 -----26

over ----- 24

WORKER READERS

Home delivery ---- 24

Club ----- 8

Subs ----- 69

Newsstands ----- 1

POLITICAL AFFAIRS -----94

UNIONS

Carpenters - AFL - 6

ILGWU **----- 3

TEAMSTERS ----- 4

PAPERHANGERS ----- 4

UAW ----- 5

TRANSPORT ----- 5

UE ----- 6

IUE -----2

Steel (USW) -----2

Amalgamated ----- 2

Others ----- 11

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
IS-C

DATE: 6/29/61

On 6/20/61, NY 2002-S*, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of material located at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Included in this material, a copy of which is attached hereto, was:

Believed to refer to the Party membership in Eastern Pennsylvania District.

(X) Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

() No copy of this memorandum is being retained other than the copy directed as above.

1 Philadelphia (Info) (Encl. 3) (RM)

1 New York (100-80638)

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-242-Sub 1)
 RE: CP - USA
 MEMBERSHIP
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 4/5/61.

On the best available information there are an estimated 8 CP members or sympathizers who are suspected of being CP members in the territory covered by the San Antonio Division. Of these 8, five of them can be positively identified as CP members and one of them can be tentatively identified as such. Two are Security Informants. The increase of two since referenced San Antonio airtel is due to the following:

[redacted] and [redacted] have been accepted into the CP since reairtel.

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The 8 individuals tabulated by nationality, race, sex, employment, known veterans, and known union members are set forth below:

- 3-Bureau (AM RM)
 - 2-New York (100- CP, Membership) (AM RM)
 - 1-San Antonio
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SA 100-242-Sub 1

Nationality:

American 8

Race:

White 8

Sex:

Male 6
Female 2

Total 8

Veterans: 4

Union members: 1

Employment:

Attorney 1

Bookkeeper 1

Clerk 1

Factory worker 1

Salesman 2

Unemployed 1

Total 8.

On 6/30/61, [redacted] advised that [redacted] appears to continue as the main CP leader in San Antonio. He continues his efforts to reorganize the CP in this area, and is one of the San Antonio representatives on the State Committee of the CP. [redacted] is the Executive Secretary of the CP of Texas.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C2003)(424) DATE: 7/3/61

FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CLUB #1
WESTSIDE CP SECTION
IS - C

Identity of Source [redacted]

Description of info 6/12/61 meeting of Club #1,
UWS CP Section

Date Received 6/14/61

Original Located [redacted]

A copy of informant's report follows:

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- [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-26603-042)(NY COUNTY CP)(421)
 - 1 - New York (100-26603-C1920)(WESTSIDE CP SECTION)(424)
 - 1 - New York (100-62607)
 - 1 - New York (100-57965)
 - 1 - New York (100-)
 - 1 - New York (100-101488)
 - 1 - New York (100-85671)
 - 1 - New York (100-130229)
 - 1 - New York (100-51602)
 - 1 - New York (100-93533)
 - 1 - New York (100-143645)
 - 1 - New York (100-87097)
 - 1 - New York (100-)
 - 1 - New York (100-88464)
 - 1 - New York (100-)
 - 1 - New York (100-50842)
 - 1 - New York (100-114924)
 - 1 - New York (100-95583) (LINE)(414)
 - 1 - New York (100-80638) (MEMBERSHIP)(414)
 - 1 - New York (100-81338) (SECURITY MEASURES)(414)
 - 1 - New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)(415)
 - 1 - New York (100-128314) (FUNDS)(414)
 - 1 - New York (100-26603-C2003)(424)

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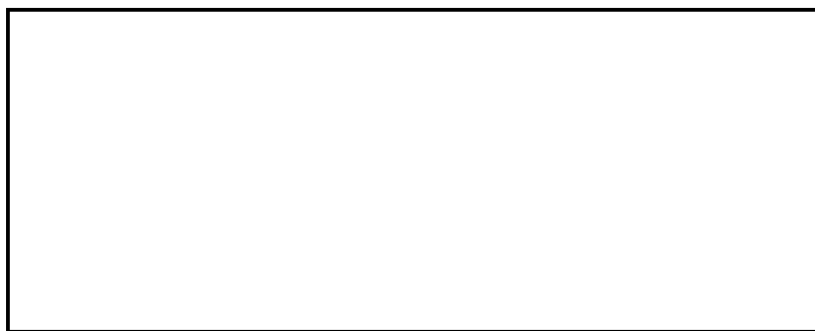
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NY 100-26603-C2003

New York, N.Y.
6/14/61

On 6/12/61, there was a meeting of Club #1
Upper West Side CP Section held at [redacted]
[redacted]

The following were present:



[redacted] was the chairman for the meeting.
[redacted] made a report on the Supreme Court decision. She said the matter had not been completely discussed but that there should be no panic. She said club meetings will go on as before with the same groupings. She said the CP will never register and there are no membership lists.

[redacted] suggested that as a precaution, the club should not meet in residences where there are elevator attendants.

[redacted] said there would not be a repetition of the old McCarthy hysteria. She said there will be no repetition of past mistakes and there will be no breaking up into small groups.

She stated there will be open air meetings on Saturday 6/17/61 throughout the city to protest the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. She said the West Side CP Section open air meeting will be held on 97th St. and Broadway, N.Y.C. beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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It was mentioned that [redacted]
and [redacted] all went canvassing during the Press Drive.

[redacted] collected dues payments and also
fund drive payments.

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[redacted] sold literature.

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Info re open air meeting to be held 6/17/61 at
97th St. & Broadway. NYC. furnished on 6/15/61, to Inspector
[redacted] by SA DAVID G. JENKINS.

On 6/22/61, a photo of [redacted] (100-51602-1a2)
was exhibited to [redacted]. Informant advised person depicted
in photo is identical to [redacted] mentioned above.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-32003)(424) DATE: 7/5/61

FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CLUB #1
WESTSIDE CP SECTION
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Identity of Source [redacted]

Description of info Meeting of Club #1, UWS CP
Section, 6/12/61

Date Received 6/14/61

Original Located [redacted]

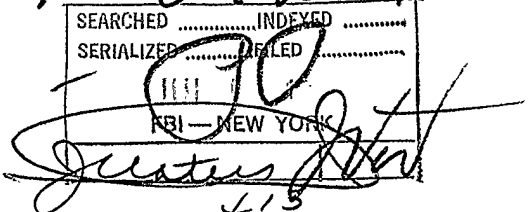
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- 1 - New York (100-57965) [redacted]
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- 1 - New York (100-81338) (SECURITY MEASURES)(414)
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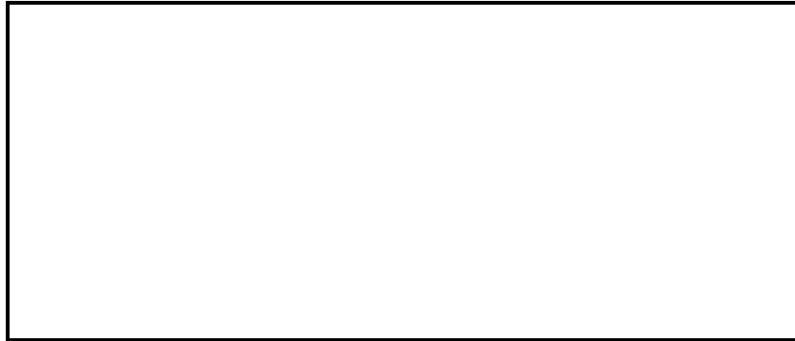
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New York, N.Y.
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On 6/12/61, there was a meeting of Club #1 Inner
West Side CP Section held at the residence of [redacted]
[redacted]

The following were present:



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 7-14-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CLASSIFICATION BY 60760x 11-30-78
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT. SINCE THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT IT NOT BE SET FORTH IN ANY REPORT UNLESS CORROBORATED THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE AND THEN ONLY IN PARAPHRASED FORM.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated July 1 and 10, 1961, containing information orally furnished on July 1 and 10, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on July 13, 1961, and the original report is maintained in Chicago file A)134-46-6896.

In regard to the information set forth herein, the source was in no position to make further inquiry for details and participated in only a portion of the instant conversations.

- 2-Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1-Denver (RM)
 - (1-100- (CP, Colorado District - Organization)
- 1-Detroit (RM)
 - (1-100-13420 (CARL WINTER)
- 3-New York (RM)
 - (1-100-87211 (CP, USA - Factionalism)
 - (1-100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)
 - (1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)

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(1-100- (CP, Utah District - Organization)
- 4-San Francisco (RM)
(1- 65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)
(1-100-27747 (CP, Northern California District - Organization)
(1-100-26239 (CP, Northern California District - Membership)
(1- 97-27 ("Peoples World")
- 5-Chicago
(1-A) 134-46-6896)
(1-100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)
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July 1 and 10, 1961

When CARL WINTER of Detroit was in Chicago, Illinois, during the period of June 30 through July 1, 1961, he met privately with several leading members of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois. During the course of one such meeting, the following information was confidentially learned from him:

SAM KUSHNER, a leading functionary of the CP of Illinois, has been active in attempting to move in and take over control of the Rocky Mountain area of the CP which would include the areas within the States of Colorado and Utah. Already it is reported that KUSHNER has so arranged it that the Party members situated in Denver pay their dues directly to him in Chicago and he, in turn, transmits them to the National Office.

According to WINTER, there is presently in Utah a functioning Party organization of 16 members. MICKIE LIMA of the Northern California District of the Party has been given the responsibility for the handling of this area since it falls within the jurisdiction of the "Peoples World." LIMA also will, in all likelihood, be given the responsibility for the Party organization in regard to Denver since it, too, falls within the jurisdiction of the "Peoples World."

In regard to KUSHNER's attempt to take over this Rocky Mountain area, he has already been told to "stop this nonsense" and firmer direction will be given to him that he "lay off" such activity.

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Comments and Opinions

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It is this reporter's opinion that the Party will not allow KUSHNER to continue the type of activity noted herein. Although he is ambitious and has a desire to assume important Party leadership positions, the National CP, USA, leadership will not allow it because there is still distrust of him which arose from the unfavorable publicity which resulted from the hit-run activity that he was involved in during the period of the underground and because it is known that much of his desire to achieve leadership is based on his own personal ambitions.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [Redacted]

DATE: July 21, 1961

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[Redacted]	6/22/61 CP Steel Club Meeting	7/3/61	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[Redacted]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

- ④ - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
100-84994 GUS HALL
100-1696 ELIZABETH G. FLYNN
MEMBERSHIP
SECURITY MEASURES

16 - Baltimore

- [Redacted]
- 100-20764 [Redacted]
- 100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS
- 100-18684 [Redacted]
- 100-9583 [Redacted]
- 100-11562 [Redacted]
- 100-21866 [Redacted]
- 100-10584 [Redacted]
- 100-12464 ORGANIZATION
- 100-12510 STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
- 100-4267 COMINFIL USWA
- 100-11800 BRIEF FILE
- 100-12170 MEMBERSHIP
- 100-11640 FUNDS
- 100-12125 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
- 100-21896 COMINFIL NALC

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"June 29, 1961
Baltimore, Maryland

"On June 22, 1961, Thursday, the 2610 Steel Club of
the Communist Party met at the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"Present were:

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"MEYERS opened the meeting around 9:00 p.m. by saying [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had crossed his dates and was unable to attend because
he didn't arrange for anyone to work in his store for him.

"MEYERS said since the Supreme Court decision compelling
communists to register was now law, the Party cannot
continue to operate as it has in the past.

"MEYERS said the Party is appealing the decision and will
use every means at their disposal to get the law reversed.

"He pointed out that GUS HALL and ELIZABETH FLYNN had already
requested the Supreme Court to review it finding and the
court has agreed.

"MEYERS said the law was currently law and the Party has no
intention of registering all their members, that is why the Party
cannot operate as it has in the past.

"He said there will no longer be any steel clubs, dues or
sustaining fund.

"He said he would like to see the clubs set up a trademan's
political group or some type of group which would have
speakers from all walks of life come in and talk to the
group; and if allowed he would speak on Madison and would sell
literature and accept contributions. The contributions could
be equal to the dues and sustaining fund.

"MEYERS said progressive persons might attend a political
group of this nature where they would not attend a Communist
Party meeting.

[REDACTED]

"MEYERS asked the group what they thought of the idea of the political group.

"All present said they thought it was a good idea. MEYERS said the Party was printing Justice Black dissension in every newspaper that would carry it. MEYERS had [REDACTED] read the Party full-page article in the National Guardian.

"After reading and discussing the article, [REDACTED] gave a report on the Negro American Labor Council. [REDACTED] said election of NALC officers was held on June 16, 1961, and [REDACTED] was re-elected President.

[REDACTED] discussed 2610 political situation and the August State Convention.

"MEYERS asked if any Party members will be able to attend this convention.

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] and himself are to meet with another political on July 11, 1961, and there they will work out a slate, on which will be [REDACTED] or himself.

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"MEYERS said he would like to see some resolution introduced at the convention, especially a resolution on the shorter work week.

"MEYERS reported [REDACTED] had an ear operation in Russia and was still there.

"A collection of 25 dollars was collected for the expenses of [REDACTED]

GEORGE MEYERS - \$5.00
[REDACTED]

"MEYERS passed out the June issue of "Political Affairs"; "The United States in Today World" - Report to the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, by GUS HALL, and the June issue of "Mainstream."

"The meeting ended around 10:45."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40)(421)

Date: 7/25/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY CP
IS-C

Identity of Source: [redacted]

Description of info: Bronx County CP Council meeting.

Date Received: 6/27/61

Original located [redacted]

A copy of informant's report follows:

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| 1 - New York (100-85605) | [redacted] | (PG. 3) |
| 1 - New York (100-93665) | [redacted] | (PGS. 3,4,6) |
| 1 - New York (100-13483) | (BETTY GANNETT) (415) | (PGS. 3,4,5,6,7,8) |
| 1 - New York (100-47060) | [redacted] | (PGS. 3,4) |
| 1 - New York (100-62050) | [redacted] | (PG. 3) |
| 1 - New York (100-135252) | [redacted] | " |
| 1 - New York (100-74453) | [redacted] | " |
| 1 - New York (100-122217) | [redacted] | " |
| 1 - New York (100-) | [redacted] | " |
| 1 - New York (100-88609) | [redacted] | " |
| 1 - New York (100-66881) | [redacted] | " |
| 1 - New York (100-4137) | [redacted] | " |
| 1 - New York (100-128314) | (NYS FUNDS) () | |
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Date of report June 25, 1961

The Bronx County Councils held a regular meeting on Monday night June 19, at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The following people were at this meeting,

[REDACTED] BETTY GANNET, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The agenda was as follows, 1, - Core meeting, report on the finances and the main report by BETTY GANNET on the Mc Carran and Smith Acts, in conjunction with the recent Supreme Court ruling.

On the Core meeting [REDACTED] said that thousands of leaflets announcing the meeting were distributed to the clubs and to people for mass distribution:

This meeting was going to be held on Wednesday night June 21, at the Taft High School on 170 St. between Morris and Sheridan Aves.

This meeting is the outcome of extensive organization and cooperation and is being held in a lilly white Community, an important factor in this fight for freedom for the freedom riders in Alabama.

The final step in organizing this affair is up to us, to urge, to talk about this meeting at our organization meetings, among our friends neighbor, and contacts in order to make this affair a great success.

A prominent list of speakers have been contacted for support and this includes a [REDACTED]

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Over 15,000 leaflets have been printed and we must see to it that they get into the Community, otherwise they will serve no useful purpose in planning for this meeting.

It was also suggested that everyone write, wire, telegram etc. the President of the U.S. including his brother, the Atty-General around this matter urging that use their influence in curbing this violence.

There were many favorable comments around the whole plan of work, and it was pointed out that if this is handled properly it will turn into a complete success.

On the finance, [] read the amounts turned in by each club and to date only \$1900 has been turned in, way below the quota. We were supposed to have at least \$28.00 by the end of June, but as the above figures indicate we are \$900.00 short and with summer so close we can go even higher behind now that summer is close by. Therefore it is our responsibility and obligation to contact and urge our people to try and pay up and with a little added sacrifice contribute a little more so that the full can be realized by July 4.

[] proposed that all monies collected, be turned over to the sustaining fund. The Worker is pretty well caught up in its contributions and that monies for the Paper be turned over to the sustaining fund.

In the past the monies to be turned in were brought to a "station" every week, every two weeks or whenever any called to make a special appointment. But now [] said that all monies be brought to the County Councils meeting because the Party is in great need for funds.

To this BETTY added that what [] says is very true, the Party is way behind, it has been confronted with many

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added burdens since the Supreme Courts ruling, thousands and thousands leaflets have been printed by the Party, stating clearly its position, and other important information on the Smith Act and Mc Carran Acts.

Money has been borrowed beyond its wildest expectations salaries have not been paid in the State, to any one, and even though this is a hardship, on everyone, nevertheless this does not bother us as much as not having enough money to bring issues before the people in the form of leaflets etc.

Therefor if anyone has any outstanding money please turn it in as soon as possible, even to call up for someone to come and pick it up.

Before the meeting [redacted] passed out literature and other leaflets on the new Summer term of the School of Social Science.

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He also announced that a new pamphlet on Cuba is now taking orders from clubs for mass distribution the State has been given 5,000 to distribute and we must order enough so that they all can be distributed.

This pamphlet gives all the information around the recent attempted Cuban invasion.

BETTY added that because of the financial position of the Party, and because of the recent ruling which allows the C.P. to pay the unemployment of that organization. The only hitch is that the Party does not have the money to make any payments. This is a sad state of affairs when our own people are denied the advantages of such a wonderful ruling.

BETTY then went on to briefly explain the Smith Act, and the McCarran Act, how one acts against the Party and the other against the membership, and for every day that the ruling is disregarded the Party and its membership are liable to fines and jail terms.

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Everyone was shocked by the ruling, even though it was expected, nevertheless we are faced with a problem and we must remain calm in this period.

The Party intends to fight by every legal means to appeal this decision, and the lawyers are now studying the ruling if a loophole is found an appeal will be made.

In the meantime the National Committee has requested that a new Committee be set up to spread information, explain, arouse the people around Civil Liberties and Civil Rights, this committee to be independent of any other Civil Liberties or Civil Rights group, and to arrange for the future a National Conference.

It was proposed that [] be in Charge of this Committee, and that a separate office be opened, (place not known yet) and that everyone work closely with []

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The name of this Committee is to be the "Citizens Committee For Civil Liberties."

BETTY said that this Supreme Court Ruling is a direct outcome of the Cold War intensification, a result of the hysteria during the ~~McCarthy~~ period, and makes it very difficult for the Party to operate. This ruling makes it appear that the working class is very weak and the ruling class very in secure, and worried and uncertain. Even though the C.P. is the smallest in members since the 1930 years nevertheless this ruling is handed down on the closing day of the Court, and by a 5 to 4 ruling which gives us a little ray of hope.

BETTY noted that the U.S. along with Portugal, Spain Portugal, the Dominican Republic, South Korea, West Germany are the only Countries which have outlawed the Party. It is here that the most reactionary, Fascist and Anti Communist forces are and it is mainly because of this that the above has come about.

Then BETTY compared the two Laws as interpreted by the new ruling and also the Cases of [redacted] and JUNIS SCALES where one was freed and the other found guilty, even though both members of the C.P. the only difference one was tried under the Smith Act. (membership clause), the other under the McCarran Act, (the subversive law.)

BETTY explained what the new ruling states as an active Party member, one who knowingly becomes active, attends meetings, distributes literature, leaflets etc. such a person is liable under the law.

BETTY said that if one of the Justices are in accord and will sign then a legal step can be started for an appeal, this and many other legal steps will be taken in order to preserve our Party in the U.S.

BETTY also gave a complete account of the McCarran Act, the Party must register, label all Party literature, no member can work in defense industry, it will be a crime for Party members to apply for a passport.

Here again BETTY stated that the Party will not, and cannot register, will not present a list of members, even though it places the leaders of our Party in grave danger of going to prison.

BETTY announced that 100,000 open letters from the Communist Party have been printed, and are to be distributed widely, each club must assume responsibility for distributing at least 1,000 copies. This leaflet or letter will explain to the American the two laws, will have statements by some of the Supreme Court justices by labor leaders, by former President TRUMAN when he vetoed on the bills.

All these features and more to come in order to present our case before the American people.

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There is going to be issued in the near future a new pamphlet on the McCarran Act by E.G. FLYNN and this too must be widely distributed in order to pave the way for a long drawn out Court fight.

We must not leave a stone unturned in our attempt to bring our message to the people, these open letters etc, can be widely distributed, at union halls, churches, community leaders, Jewish people organizations, friends of the movement etc. etc. Ads will be taken in the N.Y. Times, St. Louis Post-Dispatch and others if they accept them.

The E.C.L.C. is distributing petitions to send to the President urging him to use his influence in support of their fight against this Supreme Court ruling. In conclusion BETTY urged all members to work together for the life of the Party to work, to fight back, not to go underground, not to make the same mistakes as before and we will emerge victorious as we have in the past when dark moments stood before us.

Discussion followed her report and the only disagreement was the manner in which the open had to be distributed, but BETTY pointed out each club should decide in their own way just how to do that.

Each club would distribute from a subway station in the East Bronx.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday July 5, at

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: [redacted] DATE: 7/12/61
FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SI

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furnished	Agent	Location
[redacted]	6/13/61 CP meeting	6/15/61	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[redacted]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

"Baltimore, Maryland
June 15, 1961

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[redacted] told MEYERS that the C. P. steel club meeting slated for later in the week had been cancelled due to the working schedules, of the other club members. MEYERS then suggested Saturday, June 24, 1961, as an alternate date.

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"MEYERS then informed [redacted] that the national

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- 3 - New York (Membership) (Organization, CP, USA) (Brief)
- 9 - Baltimore
 - (100-12175 [redacted])
 - (100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS)
 - (100-11640 Funds)
 - (100-12125 Pamphlets and Publications)
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executive committee of the C. P. had met on the recent Supreme Court decision facing the C. P. to register. MEYERS said that the N.E.C. had agreed not to register. MEYERS said that the N.E.C. viewed seriously the Justice Department's threats to prosecute C.P. leaders. MEYERS continued by stating that he would like to meet with all clubs in the district and discuss a change in our operations. MEYERS said that tactical changes must be made to avoid prosecution. MEYERS stated that we had until early August to make the necessary changes. MEYERS said that in this period of time the C.P. would continue to operate openly and get rid of as much of its propoganda material as possible. After August, MEYERS said he believed that the Party would adopt a new name to use publicly. MEYERS said this was his opinion and as yet no decision had been reached. MEYERS said that the C.P. club system locally would be dropped. Where C.P. members operated in trade unions the C.P. club would be replaced with a progressive union caucus. This caucus would include, wherever possible, Party members previously in the C.P. club and a few non-Party members so that "our pattern will be changed." MEYERS said that A. KRCHMAREK, a national C.P. leader from Cleveland, Ohio, had been operating this way for some time and that KRCHMAREK felt that this was the "safest way to work." MEYERS also said that C.P. dues and sustaining would be dropped as such and that "contributions to a needy cause" would be made. MEYERS said that former C.P. community clubs would now become current event discussion groups and also strive for some non-Party participation.

"MEYERS then said that he realized that the revisionists had tried to use such tactics in the past. The difference here, he explained, was that "Yes, we are changing tactics but not principle or theory." MEYERS stated that the encouraging aspect of this situation was that a lot of prominent people were going to join forces with the C.P. to fight this law.

"MEYERS also said that these new "groups" replacing

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the C.P. club would meet less frequently. MEYERS also stated that C.P. leadership might be done away with formally, but we would know who was who. MEYERS said that all of these ideas would have to have all the C.P. clubs approval before August of 1961. MEYERS then concluded by again emphasizing that all of this was being done to protect Party members and that the Communist Party was not being dislanted but was taking tactical measures to insure its existence.

[REDACTED] left at about 8:45 P.M."

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This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [Redacted]

DATE: 7/7/61

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SI

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furnished	Agent	Location
[Redacted]	6/8/61	6/15/61	ROBERT C. NORTON	[Redacted]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

"Baltimore, Maryland
June 10, 1961

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ccs:

- 4 - New York (RM)
 - (1 - 100-48033) (IRVING POTASH)
 - (1 - 100-) (Organization CP, USA)
 - (1 - 100-) (Membership)
 - (1 - 100-) (Brief File)

7 - Baltimore

- (1 - 100-12412) [Redacted]
- (1 - 100-12175) [Redacted]
- (1 - 100-12076) (GEORGE MEYERS)
- (1 - 100-18684) [Redacted]
- (1 - 100-12464) (Organization)
- (1 - 100-11800) (Brief File)

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[redacted] explained that the meeting was being cancelled because MEYERS and IRVING POTASH, National Labor Secretary of the CP, both had to be in New York City for a special meeting of the National Executive Committee of the CP. [redacted] stated that the reason for the special NEC meeting was to discuss the recent Supreme Court decision relating to the CP registering.

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[redacted] then stated that he, MEYERS, and [redacted] [redacted] a CP member, had already discussed this situation. [redacted] said that he saw no need to panic as the CP had after the Smith Act convictions in the early 1950s. [redacted] said that the CP locally would continue to function as usual until the NEC handed down a decision. [redacted] then left at 2:20 p.m."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California
August 3, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP
ACTIVITIES

Information has been received from a source which has furnished reliable information in the past, that GUS HALL, General Secretary of the Communist Party (CP), USA, spoke to communist leaders in San Francisco at a special closed meeting on July 25, 1961. HALL urged CP leaders to continue to recruit as many members as possible, preferably the young people, because they represent the future vanguard of a free country.

HALL declared that the CP already had gained a foothold among students in high schools and colleges throughout the country through various clubs. He stated that the ultimate goal of all CP members is not to overthrow the government by force and violence, but to bring about a social reform that will guarantee all people, regardless of race, color or creed, an equal share in the profits of this society and to eliminate all wars and dissension between countries.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26239)
RE: CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
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Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "Communist Party Membership Activities," which contains information furnished by [redacted] on 7/31/61.

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The letterhead memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~ because it contains data from a source which could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5)(AM-REG.)
- ① - New York (Enc. 1)(AM-REG.)
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Because of the foregoing information, it is not felt that [redacted] would be a creditable witness. Information from [redacted] which is included in enclosure to referenced Bulet appears to be information furnished by him over 21 years ago, and it is not felt that additional effort should be expended to locate him. Therefore a lead is not being set out by Los Angeles for Memphis to check records of Frost-Arnett Company.

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It is recommended that the U.S. Coast Guard be furnished the last known address for [redacted] as [redacted]

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 8/2/61, [redacted] furnished the following information:

The CP, USA leadership does not always accept or consider the actual dues payments of members as a factual guide to the actual membership of the Party.

Organizational experience shows that even in the "best of times," i.e., no internal troubles and a functioning CP exists--dues payments generally range from 50% to 60% of what is known to be the membership.

This disparity between dues payments and actual membership is not due to the members not wanting to pay dues but due to typically sloppy, inefficient, unbusiness-like organizational methods pursued by clubs, county organizations, etc.

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Informant related that a club may not pay dues for four months and then pay a lump sum. On the dues records the club did not exist for four months--yet, its members are known to be Party members.

[redacted] recalled that the Toms River Club has not paid dues for two years, yet he knows there are a certain number of CP members in Toms River.

Many times, a club will turn in a lump sum of money to a county or district official. This sum will

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be money collected for fund drives, dues and other financial requirements. No exact designation of specific amounts is made by the club and the official receiving same may arbitrarily designate the money for the fund drive, for dues or for both.

Many times, too, this money is turned over to district or state officers who furnish no receipt, and the money, or part of it, may never reach the district treasury.

As a result of these factors, the CP leadership concluded that dues payments represent 50% to 60% of the actual numerical CP membership.

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United States Government
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)
SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
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DATE: 8/1/61

ReNYlet, 6/8/61.

As of 8/1/61, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

(1)	Estimated number of CP members	1,919
(2)	Number of members identified since last progress letter	66
(3)	Number of members identified to date (8/1/60-8/1/61)	995
(4)	Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	62
(5)	Number tentatively identified as CP members to date (8/1/60-8/1/61)	185

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Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns in this area are as follows:

"P" represents positive identifications; and "T" represents tentative identifications.

Organization	Total 6/1/61 P/T	New Since 6/1/61 P/T	Deletions and Transfers P/T	Net Change P/T	Total 8/1/61 P/T	Estimated Current Membership
Bronx County	147/20	8/4	-2/-2	6/2	153/22	220
Kings County	163/23	11/15	-3/-9	8/6	171/29	315
Queens County	116/9	3/0	0/0	3/0	119/9	135
NY County	260/34	32/27	-4/+5	28/22	288/56	500
Nassau County	9/4	0/1	0/0	0/1	9/5	61
Westchester County	11/7	2/6	0/0	2/6	13/13	50
Industrial	232/47	10/9	0/-5	10/4	242/51	638
Total	938/144	66/62	-9/-21	57/41	995/185	1919

The estimate of 1,919 is based upon the following information derived from the sources noted:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Source</u>
Bronx County	220	
Kings County	315	
Queens County	135	
NY County	500	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Source</u>
Nassau County	61	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
Westchester Mid-Hudson	50	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
Industrial	<u>638</u>	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
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The increase of 58 in the estimated membership in the NY Division is the result of an estimate of approximately 500 in NY County by [redacted] on 8/1/61. This figure corresponds closely with estimate of 502 furnished by NY 2358-S* on 10/25/60.

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**ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP
AS OF JUNE 30, 1961**

The following figures are set out according to states and territory, field divisions and Communist Party districts:

MEMBERSHIP IN STATES AND TERRITORIES

Alabama	5	Maine	3	Pennsylvania	164
Alaska	0	Maryland	38	Rhode Island	8
Arizona	20	Massachusetts	96	S. Carolina	0
Arkansas	0	Michigan	203	S. Dakota	23
California	979	Minnesota	183	Tennessee	0
Colorado	1	Mississippi	0	Texas	38
Connecticut	33	Missouri	49	Utah	15
Delaware	3	Montana	21	Vermont	2
District of Columbia	7	Nebraska	7	Virginia	9
Florida	36	Nevada	0	Washington	235
Georgia	3	New Hampshire	4	W. Virginia	0
Hawaii	2	New Jersey	143	Wisconsin	120
Idaho	15	New Mexico	5	Wyoming	0
Illinois	443	New York	2,006		
Indiana	66	N. Carolina	1	Total	5,262
Iowa	3	N. Dakota	19	Territory	
Kansas	7	Ohio	164		
Kentucky	0	Oklahoma	12		
Louisiana	11	Oregon	43	Puerto Rico	13

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS

Albany	15	Houston	4	Oklahoma City	12
Albuquerque	5	Indianapolis	66	Omaha	9
Anchorage	0	Jacksonville	6	Philadelphia	135
Atlanta	2	Kansas City	10	Phoenix	20
Baltimore	41	Knoxville	0	Pittsburgh	28
Birmingham	2	Las Vegas	0	Portland	43
Boston	111	Little Rock	0	Richmond	7
Buffalo	72	Los Angeles	635	St. Louis	46
Butte	36	Louisville	0	Salt Lake City	15
Charlotte	1	Memphis	0	San Antonio	3
Chicago	440	Miami	20	San Diego	37
Cincinnati	13	Milwaukee	120	San Francisco	307
Cleveland	146	Minneapolis	225	Savannah	1
Dallas	16	Mobile	3	Seattle	235
Denver	1	Newark	153	Springfield	3
Detroit	293	New Haven	33	Tampa	10
El Paso	3	New Orleans	11	Washington Field	7
Honolulu	2	New York	1,921	Total	5,262
		Norfolk	2		

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<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>STATES INCLUDED IN DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>
Connecticut District	33	Connecticut	33
Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware District	138	Pennsylvania (Eastern) Delaware	135 3
Illinois District	443	Illinois (Excluding East St. Louis area) Iowa (Des Moines & Bettendorf only)	443 0
Indiana District	66	Indiana	66
Maryland-D. C. District	49	Maryland District of Columbia	39 7
Michigan District	203	Michigan	203
Minnesota-Dakota District	223	Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota	103 19 23
Missouri District	52	Missouri Kansas (Kansas City only) Illinois (East St. Louis only)	49 3 0
Montana District	21	Montana	21
New England District	113	Vermont Maine New Hampshire Massachusetts Rhode Island	3 3 4 96 8
New Jersey District	155	New Jersey	155
New York District	2,006	New York	2,006
Northern California District	319	California (north of Kern & Santa Barbara Counties)	319
Northwest District	250	Washington Idaho Alaska	235 15 0
Ohio District	166	Ohio West Virginia (Panhandle Section)	164 2

DISTRICTS (Continued)

Oklahoma-Arkansas District	12	Oklahoma Arkansas	12 0
Oregon District	43	Oregon	43
Southern California District	660	California (exclusive of counties north of Santa Barbara and Kern Counties)	660
Southern Region	95	Alabama Florida Georgia Louisiana Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee Texas (exclusive of the 17 western counties) Virginia	25 26 10 10 10 10 10 10 30 9
Western Pennsylvania District	29	Pennsylvania (Western)	29
Wisconsin District	120	Wisconsin	120
<u>STATES WITHOUT FORMAL CP ORGANIZATION</u>	68	Arizona Colorado Hawaii Iowa Kansas Kentucky Nebraska Nevada New Mexico Texas (17 western counties) West Virginia (exclusive of the four panhandle counties) Wyoming Utah	20 14 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
<u>Total</u>	<u>3,262</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>3,262</u>
<u>TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS</u>	13	Puerto Rico	13

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION

	9-30-60	12-31-60	3-31-61	6-30-61
Albany	23	24	15	15
Albuquerque	6	6	6	5
Anchorage	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	5	5	3	2
Baltimore	49	48	41	61
Birmingham	1	2	2	2
Boston	105	106	109	111
Buffalo	74	74	69	73
Butte	37	36	36	36
Charlotte	2	2	2	1
Chicago	492	489	486	449
Cincinnati	17	17	19	18
Cleveland	146	146	146	145
Dallas	14	17	13	18
Denver	2	2	2	1
Detroit	210	203	200	203
El Paso	5	5	5	5
Honolulu	0	0	0	0
Houston	5	5	4	4
Indianapolis	56	65	66	66
Jacksonville	6	6	6	6
Kansas City	9	9	9	10
Knoxville	0	0	0	0
Las Vegas	0	0	0	0
Little Rock	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	623	624	621	635
Louisville	0	0	0	0
Memphis	0	0	0	0
Miami	21	21	22	20
Milwaukee	121	131	121	120
Minneapolis	229	230	236	228
Mobile	3	3	3	3
Newark	100	105	155	151
New Haven	34	24	33	36
New Orleans	13	11	11	11
New York	1,929	1,927	1,921	1,921
Norfolk	6	2	2	2
Oklahoma City	12	12	12	12
Omaha	19	10	9	10
Philadelphia	150	150	137	155
Phoenix	23	31	21	20
Pittsburgh	37	35	34	38
Portland	50	40	43	42
Richmond	7	6	7	7
St. Louis	44	43	44	46
Salt Lake City	17	16	16	16
San Antonio	8	7	6	6

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES IN FIELD DIVISION (cont'd.)

	9-30-60	12-31-60	3-31-61	6-30-61
San Diego	32	30	37	37
San Francisco	350	345	322	307
Savannah	0	1	1	1
Seattle	234	234	233	235
Springfield	3	3	3	2
Tampa	10	10	10	10
Washington Field	9	5	5	7
TOTALS	5,431	5,295	5,268	5,262
San Juan	13	12	13	13

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RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**
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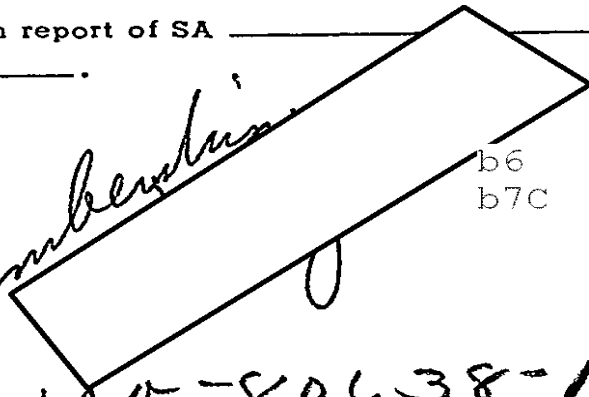
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The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

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On July 23, 1961, NY 1037-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL BART at his residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Among the items furnished by this source were the following.

The source furnished photographs of a piece of paper containing handwritten notations which are believed to be the CP registration for the Rocky Mount District. The reason for this supposition is that on the back of this appears the handwritten notations which possibly indicate that this is the Utah-Denver registration. A notation is also made with a question mark "T-R (Taft-Hartley)" and "SK" and "SP 13". It is believed that this possibly refers to [redacted] a Taft-Hartley defendant who is presently believed to be in Salt Lake.

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Copies of these photographs are being made enclosures to the Bureau, Denver and Salt Lake.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3)(ENCLS. 2)(RM)
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- 2 - Salt Lake (ENCLS. 2)(RM)
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On July 28, 1961, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL BART at his residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Among the items furnished by this source were the following.

The source furnished photographs of a one page mimeographed registration form for the Michigan CP District. This form contained the current membership figures for the districts along with a breakdown of the membership according to age, time in the Party, union and organizational affiliation, as well as literature distribution. This registration reflected total registration for the district of 149 members made up of 107 male and 42 female members.

Copies of this information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and Detroit.

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- ① - New York (100-80638)

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On July 28, 1961, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL BART at his residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Among the items furnished by this source were the following.

The source furnished photographs of two pages containing typewritten resume of the CP registration for the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District. These figures contain the membership of the district with the comment that three clubs are still missing. It also contains a breakdown of the membership along the line of time in the Party, sex, age, union and organizational affiliation, as well as literature distribution.

It is noted that this registration appears to be a more current one than one recently furnished by this source from BART's effects which contained a smaller membership figure.

Copies of this information are being made enclosures to the Bureau and Philadelphia.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3)(ENCLS.2)(RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (ENCLS.2)(RM)
- 1 - New York (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

DATE: 8/23/61

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS (415)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS dated 7/21/61, at NY, reflects activity of the CP, USA, for the quarterly period 4/1/61 to 6/30/61. Details of such activity may be found in this report under the following:

- Organization
- Funds
- Factionalism
- International Relations
- Political Activities
- Legislative Activities
- Domestic Administration Issues
- Negro Question

- 1-New York (100-80641) (CP, USA - Organization) (415)
- ①-New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - Membership) (415)
- 1-New York (100-74560) (CP, USA - Funds) (415)
- 1-New York (100-81338) (CP, USA - Security Measurer) (415)
- 1-New York (100-96985) (CP, USA - Underground Operations) (415)
- 1-New York (100-87211) (CP, USA - Factionalism) (415)
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- 1-New York (100-87212) (CP, USA - Colonial Matters) (415)
- 1-New York (100-79717) (CP, USA - Political Activities) (415)
- 1-New York (100-80636) (CP, USA - Legislative Activities) (415)
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- 1-New York (100-80640) (CP, USA - Negro Question) (415)
- 1-New York (100-80644) (CP, USA - Youth Matters) (415)
- 1-New York (100-80643) (CP, USA - Women Matters) (415)
- 1-New York (100-80634) (CP, USA - Farmers Matters) (415)
- 1-New York (100-88297) (CP, USA - Cultural Activities) (415)
- 1-New York (100-79498) (CP, USA - Veterans Matters) (415)
- 1-New York (100-54651) (CP, USA - National Groups) (415)
- 1-New York (100-80864) (CP, USA - Religion) (415)
- 1-New York (100-81675) (CP, USA - Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
- 1-New York (100-80633) (CP, USA - Education) (415)
- 1-New York (100-133902) (CP, USA - Attempts to Infiltrate Mass Organizations) (415)
- 1-New York (100-140277) (CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence) (413)
- 1-New York (100-145839) (Public Appearances of Party Leaders) (415)
- 1-New York (100-4931)

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Youth Matters
Women Matters
Farmers Matters
Cultural Activities
National Groups
Pamphlets and Publications
Education
Attempts of CP to Infiltrate
Mass Organizations
CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence

No information suitable for inclusion in this report was developed during the period 4/1/61 to 6/30/61, concerning the following activities of the CP, USA:

Membership
Security Measures
Underground Operations
United Nations
Colonial Matters
Veterans Matters
Religion
Public Appearances of Party Leaders

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-88)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33728)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - FACTIONALISM
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DATE: 8-28-61

~~(X)~~ EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THIS INFORMATION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY RECEIVED AND BECAUSE BY ITS VERY NATURE IT TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT UNLESS IT IS CORROBORATED THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE, THAT IT NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AT THIS TIME.

~~(X)~~ Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated August 22, 1961, containing information orally furnished on August 22, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on August 25, 1961, and the original report is maintained in Chicago file A)134-46-7018.

- 2-Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 8-New York (RM)
 - (1-100-17923 (JOHN GATES)
 - (1-100-84994 (GUS HALL)
 - (1-100-50090 (SID STEIN)
 - (1-100-18673 [redacted])
 - (1-100-269 (HENRY WINSTON)
 - (1-100-87211 (CP, USA - Factionalism)
 - (1-100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)
 - (1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
- 5-Chicago
 - (1-A)134-46-7018)
 - (1-100-18001 (FRED FINE)
 - (1-100-3952 (GILBERT GREEN)
 - (1-100-18963 (CP, Illinois District - Factionalism)

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August 22, 1961

GIL GREEN recently sent a letter to GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), which included a note of thanks for the things which had been done for him since his recent release from federal prison. However, the important part of this letter was where GREEN noted that he had "come out determined as ever to continue the things he has been fighting for all his life."

This statement on the part of GREEN is most important since many of GREEN's friends are of the Young Communist League generation of which perhaps 90% have now left the Party and includes such personalities as JOHN GATES, FRED FINE, SID STEIN, [redacted] and the like. These people had been hoping and spreading rumors that GREEN had not completely agreed with the CP during the period of the "big debate and discussions." They had hoped that when GREEN got out of prison he would say or do something to favor them and be anti-Party. This has not happened and the letter to HALL is evidence that it will not happen.

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When the letter from GREEN was read by GUS HALL to HENRY WINSTON, WINSTON thought it was marvelous. WINSTON desired the letter and HALL turned it over to him. Since WINSTON's task is now to see a lot of ex-Party people, he can, if in talking to such people he finds that they still have any false hope about GREEN, show them the GREEN letter which should convince them. This letter, in conjunction with WINSTON's own strong feelings that the Party is needed and is the only way for the left, is felt important enough to be able to influence a number of ex-Party people to come back into the Party.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)

DATE: 8-28-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33742)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS
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On August 18, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a one-page typewritten document on legal size stationery captioned, "CPUSA, FIN. REPORT for 6 Mos. - Jan. thru June, 1961." This financial report which had been secured by the source on August 17, 1961, was believed to have been prepared by CHARLES DIRBA.

The above financial report was photostated by the Chicago Office on August 21, 1961, and the original returned to the source on that date. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in CGfile 100-33742-1A33. Two photostats of this document are enclosed herewith for the New York Office.

Set forth below is a verbatim copy of this financial report:

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(see page 2 for copies)

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(1-100-18953 (CP, Illinois District - Organization)

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INCOME

20,834 Dues (Gr. 24,799; Avge. - 1.19 ea., - 3920 per mo.) Incm. from Dues	\$12,194.92
55 Initiations	27.50
SS. Assessments	1,209.50
Gen'l Contributions	51,598.10
Sundry Contrib. (For Def. 2983, For South 2300, At Mtgs. 185)	5,468.00
Returns for Literature	341.78
Distr. Part-payments on Nat'l Comm. Mtg. Exp.	700.00
TOTAL INCOME - 6 Mos.	<u>71,539.80</u>

EXPENSES

(Total Wages \$20,490 for 9 pers. in Apr. & May, 8 - in June, 5 Gen'l,
.2 Off., 1 Bldg.)

(Distributed below: 13,990 to Gen'l W., 4,290 to Office W., 2,210 to
Bldg. Exp.)

Gen'l Wages	\$13,990.00
Payroll Taxes & Insurance	1,818.94
Bldg. Exp: - Rent 1740, Wages 2210, Maint. etc. 304.13 -- Tot. Bldg. Exp.	4,254.13
Office Exp: - Wages 4290.00, Teleph.&Telegr. 949.13) Postage 532.13, Staty&Supplies 346.54) Total Equip. Maint. 30.38, Staff Literature 342.56) Off. Exp. Accounting 184.00) 6,674.74	
Org. Exp: - Travel 952.31, Auto Exp. 867.42) Fares-Ph-L.905-- 905.41, Mtg. Halls 30.75) Total Receptions 168.71, Particip. Tkts. 30.00) Org. Exp. Mid-West Exp. 276.54, Dak,&Ill. Exp. 172.99) 3,404.13	

Org. Subsid. & Contrib.: - W. Pa. 1511.00, E. Pa. 100.40 --	
Tot. Subsid.	1,611.40
Nat'l Comm. & NEC. Mtg. Exp. - 2510 & 2837 -- Tot. NC&NEC. Mtgs	5,347.23
Gen'l Ed & Agit. Exp: - Press Prom. 70.00, Lit.&Leaf. 4486.97) Gen'l Research 840.95) Ed&Ag	5,397.92

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N.Ed.Com.Exp:- General 1096.30, Travel&Fares 129.30)	
S.Calif. 125.00, Rent for Class 35.00) N.Ed.Com.	1,385.60
N.Negro Com. & South Work-3732.50 & 225.00 -- Total	3,957.50
N.Labor Aff.Com.(T.U.)	1,935.00
N.Youth Com.	2,780.00
Sundry Ed&Agit.Exp:-Peace Work 165.00)Total	
Nat'l Groups Work 900.00)Sundry ED&AGIT.	1,065.00
Gen'l Def.Exp:- Legal 6378, Fines 190) Total Gen'l	
Winston 235, Misc. 1984) Def. Exp.	8,786.98
Def.Campaign Against S.C.Decision	5,105.90
Special Welfare Aid (To Smith-Act Victims, etc.)	2,184.60
Gen'l Welfare Exp:-Med.&Hosp. 493, Gifts 55)	
Flowers 128, Funrls 1576)Gen. Welfare	2,251.74
Depreciation of Ftr. & Equip.	54.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES - 6 Mos.	72,004.81
OPERATING DEFICIT - 6 Mos.	<u><u>(-465.01)</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET - 6/30/61

ASSETS

Cash Balance	\$ 1,056.62
Revolving Funds	175.00
Security Deposits	1,135.00
Seized by Int. Rev.	5,192.09
Furniture & Equip.	832.61
Due from the Worker	3,340.30
Old Loans Rec.	539.33
Current L&Exch. Rec.	160.00
TOTAL ASSETS - 6/30/61	<u><u>\$12,430.95</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Current Payroll Taxes	\$ 810.90
Old Loans Payable	5,250.00
Current Loans Payable	3,025.00
Due to SO.Calif.Distr.	1,013.71
N.Y.St.Unempl.Insur.Reserve	1,366.84
Rent Reserve	177.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES - 6/30/61	<u>11,643.92</u>
SURPLUS: 1/1/61 Bal.	1,252.04
Less Oper.Def.-6 Mos.	465.01
Bal. of Surplus-6/30/61	787.03
TOT. LIAB. & SURPLUS-6/30/61	<u><u>12,430.95</u></u>

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415 *J. Waters*

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-132430)
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-4049)
SUBJECT: CP, NYD
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DATE: 9/6/61

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 - 1 - 100-118174 [redacted]
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 - 1 - 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
 - 1 - 100-109560 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-83193 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-93296 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-62649 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-50094 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-13203 (GEORGE MORRIS)
 - 1 - 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)
 - 1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
 - 1 - 100- [redacted]
 - 1 - 100- [redacted]
 - 1 - 97-169 (PUBLISHER'S NEW PRESS)
 - 1 - 100-128817 (CP, NYD, MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - 100-128809 (CP, NYD, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
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August 9, 1961

A meeting of the New York COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) Industrial Council was held on the evening of August 7, 1961, in Room 11-G, Adelphi Hall, New York, New York. This meeting was a continuance of the Industrial Council meeting on August 2, 1961. Judging from the voting, there were at least forty-six people present, and perhaps fifty or more were present. Some people who were not at the first meeting on August 2, 1961 were present at this meeting. There was one Negro present. The following individuals were observed in attendance:

[Redacted]

IRVING POTASH

LOUIS WEINSTOCK

[Redacted]

GEORGE MORRIS
(from "The Worker")

[Redacted]

Most of the speakers were limited to ten minutes, but a few got fifteen minutes. WEINSTOCK got an additional ten minutes at the end of the meeting and there appeared to be no limit placed on POTASH's summation. Most of the

speakers seemed to side with POTASH and the State Committee in their plan to fight back at the recent Supreme Court decision. [redacted] made a point-by-point talk in opposition to POTASH. It sounded like a good talk and it received applause. POTASH called [redacted] a cruel perpetrator. [redacted] made an appeal for unity. [redacted] said he did not have faith in the CP, but in his own ability to think. POTASH lashed into Middle Class Communists who put on the uniform of the working class, and POTASH made a digging remark about these peoples' expensive apartments. POTASH's rebuttal at the end of the meeting was vicious and brutal. POTASH referred to people who say one thing and do another and he quoted from a book by LENIN much like a minister in a pulpit quoting from the Bible. POTASH said there are more ways than one to beat the Supreme Court and he referred to State laws against criminal syndicalists and conspiracies which are not enforced. POTASH accused [redacted] of lying during the Industrial Council meeting of August 2, 1961 when ROSEN said that BEN DAVIS of the National Executive Committee of the CP abstained from voting on [redacted] actions to gather support against the NEC's plan to fight back at the Supreme Court decision. POTASH said that DAVIS was not in support of [redacted]

Following POTASH's rebuttal, a vote was taken during which twenty-eight voted to support the NEC and the New York State Committee against [redacted] and ten voted to oppose the State Committee's plan. There were eight abstentions registered. WEINSTOCK invited everyone to attend a general meeting for CP members at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on Wednesday night, August 9, 1961, under the name of the Readers Club. GUS HALL is scheduled to speak on the Berlin situation and the meeting is to help launch a mid-week edition of "The Worker".

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- 1 - 100- [redacted]
- 1 - 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)
- 1 - 100- (Unknown Female fired recently from CP National Office)
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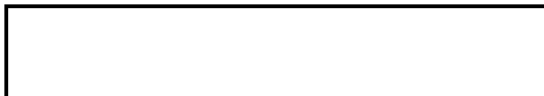
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August 3, 1961

A meeting of the New York COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) Industrial Council was held on August 2, 1961, beginning about 7:30 P.M. in Adelphi Hall, New York, New York, under the name of the Writers Club. There were about forty people present, almost evenly divided between men and women. Only one Negro was present. Most of those present appeared to be in the fifty - sixty-year-old group. Among those present were:



IRVING POTASH


LOUIS WEINSTOCK

GEORGE MORRIS
(from "The Worker")



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The identities of the rest of those present are not known.

 announced that there would be a meeting at Academy Hall, New York City, on August 9, 1961, at 8:00 P.M., under the name of Readers Club. GUS HALL and LOUIS WEINSTOCK are scheduled to speak. The meeting will be a general CP meeting for Party members only and it will inaugurate plans to publish a mid-week edition of "The Worker". It is hoped that an organizing committee will be formed to raise money for this mid-week edition.

It was also announced that there would be a meeting at Camp Midvale, New Jersey, on a Sunday in late August, 1961,

to raise money for "The Worker". An organizing committee meeting for this picnic is scheduled to meet sometime during the coming week in the same room at Adelphi Hall where the Industrial Council met on August 2, 1961.

The meeting of the Industrial Council was largely concerned with a report by IRVING POTASH regarding the recent decision by the United States Supreme Court regarding the CP. POTASH spoke about the efforts of [redacted] the husband of [redacted] to start a movement to dissolve the CP and not to follow the plans of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the CP to fight back at the decision by attacking the law itself in hopes of changing the law, and endeavoring to win a new hearing and to gather public opinion in support of the CP.

It seems, based on POTASH's report, that [redacted] convinced his own CP club of the correctness of his plan and also convinced the lawyer's group in the CP. [redacted] apparently convinced other CP members too, and has acquired some degree of a following in the New York CP.

POTASH called [redacted] a defeatist and an enemy agent sent to destroy the CP. He said if [redacted] was not a enemy agent, the effect of his actions was the same as those of an enemy agent. POTASH said it was terrible to bring dissension into the CP, and he dwelled at length on the subject of enemy agents in the Party. POTASH said that the NEC discussed the pros and cons of the Supreme Court decision deciding not to dissolve the CP or change its name, but to fight back at the decision. POTASH said this "fight back" line was handed down by the NEC to the New York State CP Executive Board and to the New York CP State Committee, which bodies accepted this line. [redacted] thought this line incorrect and his resulting actions have gotten him suspended from the CP. POTASH indicated that [redacted] managed to win over a Manhattan County Committee which, in turn, rejected [redacted] suspension. Such action, according to POTASH, brought action by the State Committee against the County Committee. It was also mentioned that a girl who worked in the National Office of the CP was fired, the implication being that she was fired because she supported [redacted] position.

The resulting discussions were heated and emotional. By and large, all of the older people, who formed the bulk of those present, sided with the NEC and the New York State Committee. It appeared that the younger people tended to

support [redacted] was called a "young pipsqueak". [redacted] was described as one who was misled and who was on the road to degeneracy. [redacted] remained relatively calm and [redacted] was visibly disturbed. POTASH and WEINSTOCK did most of the name-calling, but some of the others joined in too.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK filled in gaps left by POTASH. He said that many had been misled by [redacted] WEINSTOCK said that in effect [redacted] was saying that CP leadership was bad; thus, who does [redacted] think should be in leadership. WEINSTOCK spoke of democratic centralism, saying that some things are done wrong, but the CP is in an emergency and cannot bother with technicalities.

[redacted] spoke in [redacted] behalf. He said that [redacted] was not for dissolution of the CP, but felt the suspension of [redacted] was wrong. [redacted] said he felt that [redacted] had a right to bring up his ideas and [redacted] was not wrong in talking about them. [redacted] felt that the NEC and the State Committee made a mountain out of a molehill.

WEINSTOCK voiced the opinion that the average CP member is safe and will not go to jail. [redacted] was described as someone who feared that all CP members would be sent to jail, and the United States was already getting concentration camps ready. WEINSTOCK said that last Saturday at an emergency meeting of the New York CP State Committee, some woman from Buffalo got up and said that the CP in Cuba had nothing to do with the Cuban Revolution; that Socialism came to Cuba by itself, and she said that the people of the United States do not need the CP in order to obtain Socialism. WEINSTOCK said that such talk was heresy and was terrible. He said such talk was an example of where ideas like [redacted] can lead. WEINSTOCK said the CP needs unity, and at this period in history, those who cannot hang on will fall off. WEINSTOCK predicted the CP would grow again and he said the "fight back" decision was a good one. He said the CP, USA was in the front line of the world and congratulations to the CP, USA were coming in from all over the world as a result of its decision to fight back.

[redacted] said that BEN DAVIS of the NEC had abstained from voting when the NEC voted against [redacted] so, in effect, DAVIS was siding with [redacted]

The meeting ended with an agreement to continue on

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Monday, August 7, 1961, same time and place. A ten minute limit was set on speeches and those who did not speak this time could sign up to speak on Monday.

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~~General meeting of CP members at Academy Hall, NYC~~

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- (1-100-84994 GUS HALL)
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- (1-100-84275 WILLIAM PATTERSON)
- (1-100-26018 LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
- (1-100-48033 IRVING POTASH)
- (1-100-16785 JAMES JACKSON)
- (1-100-118174 [redacted])
- (1-100-13283 BETTY GANNETT)
- (1-100- UNSUB, N,F, from Brooklyn, 50,5'8", 150 lbs., brown skin, brown eyes, black hair, possibly false teeth)
- (1-100- JULY 26TH MOVEMENT)
- (1-100-9595 WM. WEINSTONE)
- (1-97-169 PUBLISHER'S NEW PRESS)
- (1-100- SPECIAL CP LEADERSHIP CLASSES IN NYC IN SPRING OR SUMMER OF 1961)
- (1-100-26603 CP, USA, NEW YORK DISTRICT)
- (1-100-80638 CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)
- (1-100-86624 CP, USA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
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A general meeting of CP members was held on 8/9/61 at Academy Hall (15th floor) off Union Square in New York City. This meeting was to inaugurate plans to begin a mid-week edition of "The Worker". The following persons were observed attending this meeting:

GUS HALL
BEN DAVID
BILL PATTERSON
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
IRVING POTASH
JAMES JACKSON
(all of the above were from the
National Office of the CP)


(of the New York CP Railroad Section)

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BETTY GANNETT
(who handed out literature)

Unknown Negro female from Brooklyn,
New York about 50 years old, 5'8"
tall, 150 lbs., medium brown skin,
brown eyes, black hair, who looked
like she had false teeth

There were about 7 or 8 Negroes in the audience.

GUS HALL was introduced by JAMES JACKSON. Before beginning his talk, HALL noticed that there was difficulty in getting the microphone to operate properly and he made a comment that progressive groups should organize to form a corporation to build a meeting hall. He said he would donate the first \$200 toward a meeting hall because he was tired of speaking in such places as Academy Hall. HALL received some applause on his comment but no further words were spoken on this matter.

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HALL began his talk by recalling the advances of Communism in recent years and he said that the battle is over - the CP has won. He said the victory might not be in the United States but throughout the world the Communists have won. He said the Soviet Union is about ready to do away with the dictatorship of the proletariat. He said there is more than one way to Socialism; for an example, he mentioned Cuba where the CP for years had been outlawed and where the CP for years had made no effort to recruit. When the JULY 26TH MOVEMENT came along it was not a CP movement but CASTRO is nevertheless moving toward Socialism. He said that CASTRO has dissolved all organizations in Cuba and replaced them with one big organization to build Socialism. HALL said that CASTRO's actions worry the capitalists because they want to get back into Cuba.

HALL referred to BOURGIBA, the leader of Tunisia, who was considered by the U. S. to be a nice person but since the struggle between the French and Tunisians developed over Bizerte, BOURGIBA is now considered bad.

HALL referred to the Laos and Berlin situations going into a lot of unimportant detail about them. He said that the U. S. wants to arm all of Germany but no one wants a united Germany itself. He said that remnants of the Berlin-Tokoyo axis are still in leadership positions. HALL felt that there would be a showdown on Berlin this fall but he did not expect actual fighting to break out.

One or two people were known to have become bored with HALL's talk and it was observed that several people left before HALL had finished speaking.

[redacted] was overheard remarking to [redacted] that BETTY GANNETT and WILLIAM WEINSTONE were teachers at special classes for CP leadership held in the late spring or early summer of 1961 in New York City, classes which [redacted] said she attended.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [Redacted]

DATE: September 1, 1961

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

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If information set forth in informant's statement below is reported it should be carefully paraphrased so as to completely protect informant, who is a highly placed source.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

ccs: Baltimore

- [Redacted]
- 100-12425 [Redacted]
- 100-10584 [Redacted]
- 100-11961 [Redacted]
- 100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS
- 100-8422 [Redacted]
- 100-8552 [Redacted]
- 100-12266 [Redacted]
- 100-12456 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- 100-11800 BRIEF FILE

- ⑨ - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 100-16021 ARNOLD JOHNSON
- 100-84994 GUS HALL
- 100- [Redacted]
- 100-23825 BEN DAVIS
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- 100- MEMBERSHIP
- 100- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- 100- FUNDS
- 100-1696 ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

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"Baltimore, Maryland
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"On 8/4/61, [REDACTED] telephoned [REDACTED] Maryland - D. C. C.P. District Board member, at 9:05 a.m. [REDACTED] who is a C.P. member, stated that [REDACTED] wanted to talk to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then discussed [REDACTED] recent trip to the U.S.S.R.

GEORGE MEYERS, husband of [REDACTED] who is chairman of the Maryland - D. C. District, then talked to [REDACTED] on the telephone stating that he would see him later that evening.

[REDACTED] then talked to ARNOLD JOHNSON, a member of the C. P. National Committee, and they decided to meet downtown later that morning at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

[REDACTED] and JOHNSON met at about 10:10 a.m. at the Station.

[REDACTED] stated that GUS HALL wanted [REDACTED] to contact JOHNSON who was to bring [REDACTED] up to date about differences among C. P. leaders in New York City. [REDACTED] said that GUS HALL also wanted [REDACTED] to be briefed for the National C. P. meeting to be held the following weekend.

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JOHNSON then stated that the meeting would take place at C. P. Headquarters the following Saturday and Sunday and that [REDACTED] was supposed to stay over the following Monday.

JOHNSON said that there were sharp differences among C. P. leaders about the registration of C. P. members. JOHNSON said the U. S. Supreme Court wanted the Party to register its membership, but that he personally felt that 'we' should not.

JOHNSON then said that [REDACTED] in New York City felt that the Party could not advance because of the Supreme Court decision. JOHNSON said that [REDACTED] wanted to dissolve the C. P. and set up another type of organization. JOHNSON said that [REDACTED] advanced this argument at a C. P. meeting where there were sharp differences.

JOHNSON said that BEN DAVIS, national C. P. leader, did not want to dissolve the Party, but had tactics he wanted to use which the others could not agree with.

[redacted]

JOHNSON said that [redacted] was agitating in favor of his position and may have been effective in influencing a number of people. JOHNSON said that GUS HALL felt that the matter should be thoroughly thrashed out at the meeting the next weekend. JOHNSON said that HALL felt that the Party should not be dissolved and that they should put up the struggle.

JOHNSON told [redacted] that the latter should be prepared to speak up at the next week's meeting.

[redacted] then pointed out that it was 10:35 a.m. and JOHNSON suggested that they call [redacted] in Baltimore, Maryland. JOHNSON said he wanted [redacted] opinion about the Supreme Court Decision, and asked [redacted] if he could come to [redacted] office with him. [redacted] agreed.

JOHNSON then called [redacted] answered the phone and turned it over to [redacted]

JOHNSON then introduced himself and asked if he could have an hour or so with [redacted] agreed.

[redacted] and JOHNSON then went to 1504 Tower Building, where they were greeted by [redacted] knew JOHNSON and asked [redacted] about his recent trip to the U.S.S.R.

[redacted] then took [redacted] and JOHNSON into his private office and asked [redacted] about his trip to Russia.

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[redacted] complained about his eyes, saying that he had been having trouble with them and had been going to a doctor.

[redacted] then stated that he and his wife were thinking of taking a trip to Europe and had discussed the idea of visiting some Socialist countries. [redacted] said he would like to go to the U. S. S. R. if it was possible. He said he wanted some personal experiences of that country since he had never been there.

[redacted] asked if he could walk through the streets in Russia and talk to people. JOHNSON replied that "a guy like you" wouldn't have any trouble in going to the U. S. S. R. and that he could talk to people on the street.

JOHNSON then stated that he had recently traveled in Eastern and Western Europe to get support in those countries

[redacted]

against the recent U. S. Supreme Court Decision concerning registration of C. P. U. S. A. members.

JOHNSON said that the Supreme Court Decision and the Smith Act were causing the Party a great deal of trouble. He said the national leadership was trying to get a clear picture and that some of them wanted to dissolve the Party, others did not, and others wanted to go out and appeal to the American public. JOHNSON said that the Supreme Court Decision could result in Communists being denied passports and would eventually lead to the arrest of C. P. leaders. JOHNSON said we know this, but can only go ahead and try to raise money for bonds. He added that the bond raising campaign would have to be carried on continuously.

JOHNSON asked what should be done. [redacted] replied that the right approach was to put up a struggle since it was the Marxist approach, which he supported.

[redacted] said that when the Supreme Court Decision was handed down, he discussed it with GEORGE MEYERS. He said he had to review the law on it and right at the moment was not prepared to say what should be done. [redacted] then said that he felt that he would have some information for MEYERS before the meeting next week. He said that he was convinced that his findings would help the section of the national C. P. leadership which wanted to put up a struggle against the Supreme Court Decision.

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[redacted] said that his contribution to the C. P. would not be openly known unless he was directly placed under attack such as when he tried to travel in foreign countries.

JOHNSON and [redacted] at about 11:50 a.m. and stood in front of the Tower Building.

JOHNSON then said that the C. P. national leaders had not seen [redacted] since she had returned to the United States from the U. S. S. R. JOHNSON said that he had talked to her on the phone and that she had spoken to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, but that on both occasions she failed to give any statement with regard to her opinions of the Russian trip.

JOHNSON said he was going to Boston the following Wednesday and would see [redacted] and some of the other C. P. leaders.

[redacted] asked JOHNSON whether [redacted] might have been disturbed by what she saw on the trip to the U. S. S. R. He mentioned that

[redacted]

[redacted] had relatives in that area. JOHNSON said that he did not know.

JOHNSON said he would be in New York City, Friday after the Boston visit.

JOHNSON again reminded [redacted] that HALL wanted [redacted] to stay in New York City, Monday after next. JOHNSON said he wanted to talk to [redacted] and HALL privately, and that [redacted] might have to stay over on Tuesday also.

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[redacted] asked when JOHNSON planned to go to Philadelphia. JOHNSON replied that he was supposed to be there at 2:00 p.m. that day. JOHNSON said he would be seeing TOM NABRIED and a couple of others of the C. P. leaders in Philadelphia. He said he intended to let them know of the true situation in New York and then proceed on to Boston.

JOHNSON and [redacted] then parted, JOHNSON going to the Pennsylvania Railroad Station."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-2-69)

9/19/61

SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-7622)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re NY letter to Bureau, 8/15/61, which transmitted information furnished by NY 1637-S* on 7/23/61. This information consisted of a photograph of a piece of paper containing handwritten notations possibly pertinent to Communist Party registration in the Rocky Mountain District.

Denver by letter of 9/7/61 advised that [redacted] referred to on the one photograph no doubt refers to [redacted] who is residing in Denver.

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The other photograph refers to sixteen members, five of which are female and eleven of which are male. None of these are Negro, one is Mexican-American, and four are trade unionists, including Mine-Mill, steel and carpenters. The sex, age, and years in the Party are set out on this photograph. These appear to be identical with the known Communist Party members in the State of Utah, and suitable information is being placed in the respective files of the individuals involved.

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On Friday night, 8/18/61, there was a meeting of the New York COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) Negro caucus at the home of [redacted] New York City. Present at this meeting were [redacted]

[redacted] (who arrived at the meeting late), [redacted] was Chairman of the meeting. He said that [redacted] was in the hospital so [redacted] was unable to be present at this meeting.

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The meeting was concerned with two questions:

1) CP organization, and 2) the organization and program of the NEGRO AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL (NALC). Concerning CP organization, [redacted] brought those present up to date on his own situation. He said he would probably be fired from his job as Organizer of the NYCP Industrial Council when the National Executive Board of the CP meets this coming weekend. [redacted] difficulties apparently resulted from his actions during the recent affair over the efforts of [redacted] and member of the CP, to gather a following of CP members to support his plan to dissolve the CP in the face of the recent Supreme Court decision. The general reaction at this meeting to [redacted] statements was a feeling that CP members should be allowed to have a difference of opinion, and if [redacted] is fired by the CP from his job as Organizer, he should remain with the Negro caucus anyhow. The general attitude seemed to be one of wait and see what would happen to [redacted]

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[redacted] discussed the organization of the NALC. He spoke about how the CP now has a great opportunity, but the CP must be with the workers and not lost in the clouds. [redacted] referred more specifically to NALC organization by mentioning a group of Negro musicians which [redacted] recently organized. [redacted] said they are separate from the NALC now and are concerned primarily with the fight over the proposed construction of Lincoln Center in New York City. [redacted] said that [redacted] group feels that jazz should be

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included in the activities at Lincoln Center. [redacted] said that [redacted] group was planning to have a conference on 8/28/61, to discuss how to combat the present Lincoln Center program. It was mentioned that an NALC conference was scheduled for 8/28/61, which would lay the ground work for a meeting on 8/29/61, which the NALC hopes to have and invite to it several Negro groups, including the "Muslims" of Malcolm X. The NALC conference is designed to combat Negro unemployment.

At this point [redacted] arrived at the meeting. [redacted] was asked to bring [redacted] up to date on what happened at the meeting so far. [redacted] covered the ground briefly and then told [redacted] that his group of musicians should join the NALC group on 8/28 and 8/29/61. [redacted] took issue with [redacted] suggestion and at one point threatened to walk out of the meeting. [redacted] said he once tried to get the President of the NALC to meet with his musicians group and every time he talked with the President, he received some excuse as to why the President was not able to meet with him. [redacted] also said that [redacted] could give no help. [redacted] said that when all his efforts to get action from the NALC failed, his musicians group went to work on their own problems. [redacted] questioned [redacted] actions. [redacted] wanted to know if it would be possible for the NALC and [redacted] group to meet together. [redacted] became so angry at the meeting that he left.

[redacted] talked about the NALC in New Jersey after [redacted] had walked out. [redacted] said this whole argument with [redacted] had been brought on by WILLIAM PATTERSON over "The Worker" wanting [redacted] as a full-time Organizer of the NALC instead of [redacted] said nothing will be accomplished until the question of Organizer has been settled. It was planned to invite WILLIAM PATTERSON to the next Negro caucus meeting. In the conversations that followed, it was mentioned that there would be a convention of the NALC in Chicago sometime during November, 1961. [redacted] expressed the opinion that there should be a national meeting of the CP caucus members before the Chicago convention and the Negro caucus should contact the Vice President of the NALC in Chicago, who is a CP member, and discuss it with her.

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Judging from the statements that [redacted] made on the NALC in New Jersey, it seems that the NALC in that state is not doing much at the present time.

It was mentioned that no meeting has been scheduled as yet for the Brakemen's Club of the NYCP Railroad Section.

The next meeting for the Negro caucus is scheduled to take place at the [redacted] New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68) DATE: 10/2/61
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)
SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
NY DISTRICT
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ReNYlet, 8/1/61.

As of 10/1/61, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

- (1) Estimated number of CP members 1,924
- (2) Number of members identified since 47
last progress letter
- (3) Number of members identified 1,035
to date (10/1/60-10/1/61)
- (4) Number tentatively identified as 12
CP members since last progress
letter
- (5) Number tentatively identified as CP 178
members to date (10/1/60-10/1/61)

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- 1 - NY (100-26603-C42)(New York)(424)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C43)(Kings)(422)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C44)(Westchester)(421)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C45)(Nassau)(423)
- 1 - NY (100-132430)(Industrial Division)(42)
- 1 - NY (100-80638)(CP, USA, Membership)(415)
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Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns in this area are as follows:

"P" represents positive identifications; and "T" represents tentative identifications.

Organization	Total 8/1/61 P/T	New Since 8/1/61 P/T	Deletions & Transfers P/T	Net Change P/T	Total 10/1/61 P/T	Estimated Current Membership
Bronx County	153/22	0/1	-2/0	-2/1	151/23	220
Kings County	171/29	6/2	-3/-1	3/1	174/30	320
Queens County	119/9	7/3	0/-7	7/-4	126/5	135
NY County	288/56	12/1	-2/-2	10/-1	298/55	500
Nassau County	9/5	1/0	0/-1	1/-1	10/4	61
Westchester County	13/13	1/1	0/-1	1/0	14/13	50
Industrial	<u>242/51</u>	<u>20/4</u>	<u>0/-7</u>	<u>20/-3</u>	<u>262/48</u>	<u>638</u>
Total	995/185	47/12	-7/-19	40/-7	1035/178	1924

The estimate of 1,924 is based upon the following information derived from the sources noted:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Source</u>
Bronx County	220	
Kings County	320	
Queens County	135	
NY County	500	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Source</u>
Nassau County	51	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
Westchester Mid-Hudson	50	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
Industrial	<u>638</u>	NY 2358-S*, 10/25/60
	1,924	

The increase of 5, in the estimated membership in the N.Y. Division, is the result of an estimate of 320 in Kings County, by on 9/29/61, which is an increase of 5 over the previous reported estimate of 315 by the same informant on 7/24/61. b7D

SAC, NEW YORK (100-2703-01697)

10/3/51

Re: [redacted]

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NATIONALITIES CLUB OF THE UPPER EAST SIDE
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On 9/15/51, [redacted] a source close to CHARLES BIRBA, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a photographic copy of a "Report to Higher Commission" submitted by BIRBA as Nationalities Club Organizer, dated 9/23/51. A copy is attached to case file of instant memo.

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In this report, BIRBA indicates that discussion of G. H. HALL's article on the USSR Right and W. C. WHEBLY Administration was held at a meeting 9/8/51. All 6 vote to fully approve and accept HALL's statements, the count was 4 members for and 2 abstentions. The abstentions were by [redacted]

Hereafter, BIRBA gave a detailed report on the club which was as follows:

P.S. Of the 19 members of our Club, 1 are 'non-attending'; 2 are 'out-of-town'; 1 works at night; 1 - [redacted] confidence in the Party and is afraid of persecution; 1 - just simply 'scared'; 1 - claims too much work in other fields (Greece, Slovak language, food and protection of Foreign Born); 1 - attended previously, but not for the last 6 months or more, not found home when visits were attempted, does not

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- 1-NY (100-2703-01697) (NATIONALITIES CLUB) (424)
- 1-NY (100-93097) [redacted]
- 1-NY (100-132599) [redacted]
- 1-NY (100-61211) (CPUSA - SACROVALISM) (415)
- 1-NY (100-25776) (CHARLES BIRBA) (424)
- 1-NY (100-20638) (CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP) (415)
- 1-NY (100-2703-01697)

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"respond to notes left for him asking for 'appointment' dates and hours, when he could be found home, probably disturbed by ill health and unemployment.

"Our Exec. Com. has tried and will continue trying to 'bring closer' the last 4 of the above members.

"That leaves still 5 missing the day, 8 meeting: 1 - went to visit sick mother in hospital; 1 - had sickness among her grand-children, 1 - couldn't get a baby-sitter; 1 - has to spend too many hours on her job and transportation to and from; and 1 - just failed to show up, although over the phone he promised to come.

"So, there you see; a rather dismal picture.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-132430) DATE: 10/3/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD NY INDUSTRIAL DIVISION
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Identity of Source [redacted] (conceal) who was
in a position to furnish
reliable information

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Date of Activity 9/6/61

Date Received 9/6/61

Description of info Writers club meeting, Room
8C, Adelphi Hall, 74 5th
Ave., NYC

Agents to whom furnished SA [redacted]
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The names in parenthesis are the opinion of
the reporting Agent and should not be construed as a
positive identification.

- 1 - New York (100-128809) (Strategy in Industry) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP, USA NYD Organization) (414)
- 1 - New York (97-169) (Publishers New Press) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-31019) (Cominfil Labor Unions) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-128813) (CP, USA NYD-Pamphlets and Publications)
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- 1 - New York (100-) (Cominfil Brotherhood Party) (41)

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1 - New York (100-128812) (CP, USA, NYD Political Activities) (416)
1 - New York (100-128817) (CP, USA, NYD Membership) (414)
1 - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA Membership) (415)
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1 - New York (100-88546) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-72625) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (42)
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1 - New York (100-47854) [REDACTED]
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On 8/30/61, NY 2353-S*, (conceal) who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on that date, [redacted] (NY 100-120054) reserved room 8C, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave., NYC for a meeting of the Writers Club for the evening of 9/6/61.

On the evening of 9/6/61, the following individuals were observed to enter Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave., NYC, by SAS [redacted]
[redacted]

6:16 PM	[redacted]
6:20 PM	[redacted]
7:00 PM	MIKE DAVIDOW - [redacted]
7:00 PM	LOUIS WEINSTOCK - [redacted]
	[redacted]
7:01 PM	[redacted]
7:01 PM	[redacted]
7:04 PM	[redacted]
7:07 PM	JAMES LUSTIG - [redacted]
7:08 PM	[redacted]
7:10 PM	[redacted]
7:11 PM	[redacted]
7:20 PM	PAUL SCHWARTZ - [redacted]
7:28 PM	[redacted]
7:30 PM	[redacted]
7:31 PM	[redacted]
7:32 PM	[redacted]
7:40 PM	[redacted]
7:40 PM	[redacted]
7:41 PM	[redacted]

This meeting was covered by NY 3348-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, and who furnished information reflecting that this was a Council meeting of the Industrial Division, CP, USA, NYD.

The informant advised the meeting began at 7:15 PM and an unknown male advised that he will be the chairman for

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this meeting and by the next meeting we will have a functioning staff. So just bear with me this evening. From the old days we usually adjourn at 10:30 PM, but tonight I think we can adjourn much earlier. The Agenda for this evening will be: 1) Announcements - Comrade FOSTER and Memorial, 2) State Committee Resolution and Organizational Recommendations. 3) Berlin situation. 4) Brotherhood Party. 5) "The Worker". First I would like to inform you of the passing of Comrade FOSTER, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN left to attend the funeral in Moscow. She arrived there Monday evening and last night the funeral took place in Moscow. FOSTER's body was cremated and the ashes will be brought back to the U.S. in the next few days. We will have a large memorial in his honor in NYC on Monday evening Sept 18th at Carnegie Hall. Everyone should attend and bring all of you friends. I won't spend much time on this as it will all appear in "The Worker" tomorrow. Condolences were received from all over the world and they will all be printed in "The Worker". Chicago will be the burial place of Comrade FOSTER.

The chairman asked for reports from the sections on the brotherhood party -----(inaudible).

Chairman advised the entire membership should get out and collect signatures and the main slogan for "The Worker" should be "The Brotherhood Party". Unknown male states that some of the workers feel its an independent political party and the workers want a permanent organization.

Chairman advised that the Brotherhood Party, in the next few weeks will teach us one lesson that the future of the party will depend on the participation of the forces, the former ALP forces, sympathizers and a large number of people who are political conscious will become alert and looking for a way out. We cannot

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bicker in this organization on what role we are going to play. You can figure on the leading role - I'm thinking of the painters, my own group. We have the outline, the policy and the plan and we will have to go to house to house for signatures.

A discussion took place, among the Comrades on how to bring this to the attention of their unions.

The Chairman announced the order blanks for "The Worker" and "The Midweek Worker" are here.. Fill them out, be sure you state the number of copies you want and where and when you can pick them up. Just sign it and the copies will be ready. I have enough copies for everyone. Comrades we must sell the regular Worker and the midweek Worker. We must sell 5,000 midweek Workers. Tuesday noon at the newsstands it will be 10¢ a copy. Subscriptions for midweek Worker will be \$3.00 and \$5.00 for the weekend Worker, a combination of both will be \$7.00. Sept. 26th is the first issue and will cost about \$50,000 for this issue.

The chairman advised that he was very disappointed in the distribution of the flier at the Labor Day Parade - mainly the help given in the circulation. Many members said they would come and help, but didn't show up. They are all talk and when it comes to work they leave it all up to one person or a few persons. If you want a strong organization, you have to get out and help. We must raise \$16,500 to help "The Worker". We are holding a bazaar and picnic, which will help to raise some of the funds.

The chairman advised that the organization is not what it should be. There are only $\frac{1}{2}$ present here tonight. Every single club should have a representative attend these council meetings.

The chairman advised the next thing on the agenda will be the Berlin Question. The National Executive Committee has discussed this on how to bring this question to the people

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and explain it. We were all taken by surprise when the Soviet Union resumed the atomic tests. I think we can all state that it was understandable that the Soviet Union had to do something drastic at this time to call the attention of the world that the KENNEDY Administration, NATO and the allies in NATO are preparing Germany militarily.

The chairman advised that everyone should read the article in "The Worker" regarding the Communist Party's view against Nuclear tests. The Soviet Union is being threatened against aggression and must take precautionary measures against this aggression. That is why they resumed nuclear testing. Many countries were surprised, but after thinking it over, they realize the position that the Soviet Union is in.

Chairman advised, "Comrades 'The Worker' is a very serious problem, we must promote it and distribute it, if it is to be successful." The shops are closed on Monday because of the Holiday. Chairman announced we will have a short recess.

Recess over: The chairman advised that Comrade BETTY GANNETT will remain on her post as Director of Organization and Education. A State Secretary will be established consisting of five Comrades, the three officers and two other members of the board. It was mentioned that [redacted] is the fourth member of the Secretarial and a fifth member to be recommended. [redacted] will be removed from his present post and from the State Board, but not from the State Committee and that he be asked to seek private employment receiving financial assistance during his unemployment. [redacted] be given a months leave of absence and her assignment will be discussed when she returns. [redacted] be removed as State Legislative Secretary and from the State Board, not from the State Committee reasons for other assignments on a local basis. [redacted]

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be removed from the State Board and he be given an assignment in a particular field where he can be most productive. PAUL ROBESON be removed from the leadership post and a position on the State Committee - further consideration will be given. Removal of MIKE from the National Committee. I was shifted from "The Worker" office to the State Office in my place. Following the State Committee meeting, Comrade (WILLIAM) PATTERSON is on vacation and when he gets back from vacation some organizational proposal will be worked out, which is not completed yet.

The chairman advised that as far as this organization is concerned, this is my own recommendation. After [redacted] gets back and with [redacted] and with looking over the organization and checking the organization, I must admit we are in a very useful position and it would be very technical to answer as to how this organization functions, how it is continuously in contact with the membership, whether we have 100% activity. After checking the operation of the organization, up to now, I find that it is not very satisfactory. I recommend here tonight that the leadership of this organization be strengthened by adding a Trade Union Staff to consist of about 7 people and should work out satisfactory organizational matters in compliance with the organization that we have at the present time cause no one can stand up here and tell me that we are functioning satisfactory. We are not paying dues in a satisfactory manner, we are not participating in our activities in a satisfactory manner, we are not conducting ourselves, so far as meetings, literature and execution of tasks that come before the organization. This can all be improved. I am not here tonight as an Industrial Organizer. I want to be participating and acting in the full benefit of the State Organization. Therefore, I am asking Comrades to strengthen this body by discussing the problems and working them out. One half of the Council is not here tonight. This is very bad and they will never

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know about the problems we discussed tonight. Comrades, we must attend the meetings and discuss our problems at these Council meetings. If you have any problems, meet at the State Office and discuss these problems, that is the only way we can strengthen the party.

The chairman advised that he has selected seven members because of their experience to make up this staff. I selected [redacted] who is objecting to it; [redacted] from the Building Trades, isn't here tonight but is a good Communist and has a lot of experience and will be able to help anyone with their problems; GEORGE MORRIS, he is not here either; [redacted] from the printers; MIKE DAVIDOW; [redacted] and myself. That would be a committee of seven. To this group we can add additional Comrades and when we are ready for an organization for suggestions, we can spend an entire evening on it and come to conclusions on what we want.

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The chairman advised that he is asking the Comrades to approve this recommendation temporarily and then we can see what further action is necessary.

The recommendation was approved by the comrades.

The chairman advised this committee of seven would be a Trade Union Sub Commission and would not work like the Trade Union Commission. We would not discuss politics only organizational problems. This sub committee will help me to bring some organization recommendation which will bring to the Trade Union State Commission than to the State Committee.

A motion was made to adjourn. ___ all agreed.
Meeting adjourned. at 9:50 PM.

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-84935)
 FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-31822)
 SUBJECT: CP, USA
 COMINFIL RAILROAD INDUSTRY
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DATE: 10/4/61

Date received 8/28/61	Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past	Received by SA [redacted]
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**Meeting of NYCP Railroad Section
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(HENRY WINSTON)
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EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING THIS INFORMATION TO PRECLUDE COMPROMISING THE INFORMANT.

August 28, 1961

A meeting of the New York COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) Railroad Section Committee was held on Thursday, August 24, 1961, at the [redacted] New York. The following members of the Railroad Section were present:



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[redacted] was Chairman of the meeting. He gave a report on the recent expulsion of [redacted] from the New York CP. [redacted] also said that since the last New York CP Industrial Council meeting, he has found out that people have been spreading rumors about him and "his friend." [redacted] said these rumors are accusing him and "his friend" of being homosexuals, and [redacted] felt that such action by his fellow CP members shows that he should be taken from leadership. [redacted] did not identify "his friend," but he was quite possibly referring to [redacted]

A discussion followed [redacted] report. [redacted] was incensed. He felt that the CP members should fight the sort of thing [redacted] referred to, and [redacted] expressed the opinion that the FBI is not needed to break up the COMMUNIST PARTY because the COMMUNIST PARTY is breaking itself up. [redacted] expressed the opinion that ALLEN DULLES of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is running the CP and must have his agents in CP leadership.

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[redacted] explained why he voted as he did at the recent New York CP Industrial Council meeting which discussed the [redacted] affair. [redacted] explained that his

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primary concern was to keep the CP together. [redacted] had some support from those present, especially from [redacted]. [redacted] attitude was based on his feeling that the entire story is not known. An argument began with [redacted] lining up against [redacted]. [redacted] stepped in with the suggestion that the meeting should forget these differences and look to their future work. [redacted] felt that the argument over the whole affair was a mistake and that now CP members should all be friends. [redacted] expressed the opinion that the CP is now doing the same thing it did in 1948 when it expelled a lot of good people. [redacted] felt that he was sick and disgusted with such actions.

[redacted] stated there were many others besides himself who were under the hammer as a result of the [redacted] affair. He mentioned a person named [redacted] (phonetic) in the National Office of the CP as one of those who was suffering. [redacted] feels that he [redacted] is out because of his voting at the recent Industrial Council meeting, and because of the rumors now being spread that he is a homosexual. [redacted] said there was a CP organizer in Buffalo, New York who [redacted] said was on the way out also. A vote was taken at this meeting concerning the actions of the New York CP State Committee as expressed through the points brought up at the recent Industrial Council meet, which actually meant disciplinary action against [redacted] and others such as [redacted] Chairman of the Industrial Council. [redacted] left before the voting. [redacted] [redacted] opposed supporting the State Committee. The four remaining voted for it.

It was agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting of the Railroad Section Committee on September 13, 1961, at the residence of [redacted]. [redacted] encouraged everyone to try to attend the testimonial dinner for HENRY WINSTON, to be held on September 7, 1961 at the Hotel Teresa in New York City, New York.

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State Committee meeting of New Jersey CP

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 - (1 100-9595) (WILLIAM WEINSTONE)
 - (1 100-) [redacted]
 - (1 100-95550) (PAUL ROBESON, JR.)
 - (1 100-269) (HENRY WINSTON)
 - (1 100-97167) (POLITICAL AFFAIRS)
 - (1 100-128821) (CP, NYD, FACTIONALISM)
 - (1 100-87211) (CP, USA, FACTIONALISM)
 - (1 100-4931) (CP, USA)
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- (1 100-38837) [redacted]
- (1 100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY)
- (1 100-25417) [redacted]
- (1 100-30926) [redacted]
- (1 100-32233) (LEW MOROZE)
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A State Committee meeting of the New Jersey COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) was held on August 22, 1961, at the [redacted] [redacted] N.J. Present at this meeting were [redacted]

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Most of the meeting was taken up with the recent [redacted] affair in New York City, New York, which was the outgrowth of the Supreme Court decision concerning registration of the CP, USA. It was mentioned that an article would appear in the September, 1961, issue of "Political Affairs" concerning [redacted] and the action by the CP to have him suspended from the CP for his "liquidationist" position regarding the CP and the recent Supreme Court decision. It was said that [redacted] has been suspended from the CP for one year and that at the end of one year he will be eligible to return to the CP under certain conditions. It was mentioned that PAUL ROBESON's son had resigned from the CP as a result of the [redacted] affair.

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It was also mentioned that HENRY WINSTON was elected to the Executive Committee of the New York CP and that he was also elected Vice President of the national CP, USA. Someone said that WINSTON, since his release, had applied for a passport presumably to the Soviet Union.

It was announced that there would be a rally on September 24 and 25, 1961, at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York City, New York, concerning civil liberties and the recent Supreme Court decision.

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- (1 - 100-123494)
- (1 - 158-36)
- (1 - 100-23825) (BEN DAVIS)
- (1 - 100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
- (1 - 100-134630)
- (1 - 100-)
- (1 - 100-129553) (MRA)
- (1 - 97-169) (PUBLISHER'S NEW PRESS)
- (1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
- (1 - 100-84995) (GUS HALL)
- (1 - 100-) (FOSTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE)
- (1 - 100-146022) (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS)
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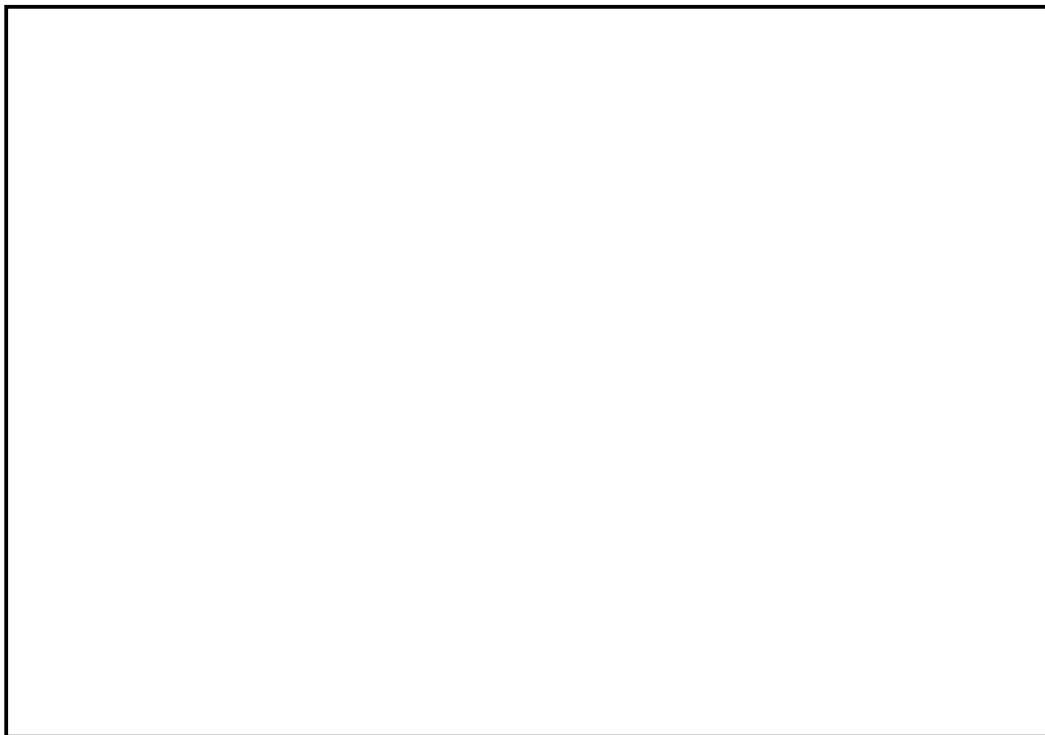
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September 14, 1961

An enlarged Section Committee meeting of the New York COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) Railroad Section was held on the evening of September 13, 1961, at [redacted] New York. Present at this meeting were:

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[redacted] brought a great deal of literature with him, and most of those present helped themselves to it, although no one was seen to pay for this literature at the time.

WEINSTOCK announced that a picnic would be held this Sunday at Camp Midvale, New Jersey, for the benefit of the first issue of the new midweek edition of "The Worker", and WEINSTOCK asked that everyone present try to take a subscription to this midweek edition.

A 3 x 5 white card, edged in black, was handed out. It announced the death of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman Emeritus of the CP, USA, on September 1, 1961, and it stated that following funeral tributes abroad, where he died, his

remains will be returned to the United States for funeral services to be held in New York City at Carnegie Hall on Monday, September 18, 1961, at 7:30 p.m., after which his burial will take place in Chicago, Illinois. This card was signed "The Foster Memorial Committee, GUS HALL, Chairman, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York.

WEINSTOCK and [] mentioned the coming rally for the National Assembly for Democratic Rights in New York City. WEINSTOCK checked each individual to see if he would attend, but [] was the only one who said he definitely would attend. [] gave an alibi for the group, saying that many could not attend the rally because of the security problem involved.

WEINSTOCK brought with him a written report from the last New York CP State Committee meeting regarding the recent [] affair. WEINSTOCK intended to read this report, but his eyes were bothering him, and [] read it instead. The report dealt with the State Committee's position in the [] factionalist dispute, pointing out that the decision by the CP to fight back at the Supreme Court decision was final, and those who followed [] in his plan to dissolve the CP were guilty of disruption of the struggle to fight back and were a factionalist group. The report pointed out that many people who had sided with [] had lost their leadership positions in the CP; namely, [] himself, who was removed from the State Committee, and [] [] who were also removed from their leadership positions. It was said that [] would continue to be paid an amount to subsist on until he could find private employment. It was said that PAUL ROBESON, JR., submitted his resignation, and it was accepted. It was also said that the CP organizers in Buffalo and in Manhattan, New York City, were also removed, and a woman whose last name sounded like [] (phonetic), and who was said to be presently overseas, was removed from her position.

When [] finished reading the report, [] was the first to speak. [] criticized the treatment given [] and he asked where was the democracy in democratic centralism, and if this report is an indication of what democratic centralism is, then he wanted no part of it. [] gave the impression that he was disgusted with the CP.

WEINSTOCK and DAVIS were asked questions, such as who will take the places of the people who have been removed from positions in the CP, but no straight answer to these

questions was given. WEINSTOCK said that these people had trained no one to take their places; consequently, such failure on their part was indicative of their poor leadership.

[redacted] spoke and asked what the CP has been doing for the last ten years. He said that within the past two years the CP had made a resolution to recruit, but there had been no recruiting. He said that all the CP has done is to hold a legal battle in the courts, but the masses of workers in the United States are not interested in protecting the CP. He said the Trotskyite organizations have been organizing the Puerto Ricans, but the CP has abandoned the July 26 Movement in Cuba. He said the Trotskyites started the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, but the CP has done nothing to compare with this. He accused the CP of losing 25 per cent of its membership within the last two years, and he asked why, under these conditions, should he, [redacted] stay in the CP when the CP is losing its base. [redacted] asked BEN DAVIS why the CP was losing the Negroes in Harlem. DAVIS began answering this question by hedging, but WEINSTOCK spoke up and asked [redacted] how he knew the CP was losing the Negroes in Harlem. [redacted] said that WEINSTOCK should know and told WEINSTOCK to tell him. WEINSTOCK said he did not know if the CP was losing Negroes in Harlem, so [redacted] told WEINSTOCK not to question him when he said the CP was losing Negroes in Harlem. WEINSTOCK accused [redacted] of being an FBI agent and [redacted] heatedly answered "Yes, that's where I get all my information".

WEINSTOCK also accused [redacted] of being in the [redacted] group. [redacted] said that those who were removed from the leadership for siding with [redacted] have not been accused of being wrong politically; consequently, they have done nothing wrong. He said all the CP has done is just call them names and remove them from their positions without replacing them. He said that a man on the streets of New York City who wanted to join the CP now would be unable to do so. WEINSTOCK accused [redacted] of being a liar, and [redacted] replied that he was a gentleman and WEINSTOCK best not call him a liar.

[redacted] said that it was inconceivable that [redacted] could be a liquidationist as charged because he had known [redacted] too long and had watched [redacted] work for the CP. [redacted] stated that nevertheless he planned to remain in the CP.

[redacted] asked the question how could men be taken away from the CP without weakening it, and that such action was really liquidating the Party.

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DAVIS and WEINSTOCK made no real effort to answer these statements. WEINSTOCK did say that one person in New York City was responsible for bringing in 150 subscriptions to "The Worker" in the New York CP Industrial Division, while there were 150 other CP members who brought in no subscriptions.

WEINSTOCK tried to impress those present with his background by saying that he had come up through the union and had fought as an open Communist in his union, and he understood the problems of the rank and file Party members. He also pointed out BEN DAVIS and said that DAVIS had come up from the Negro movement, and he too understood the problems.

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For information of New York, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 9/18/61 that while at "The Worker" picnic at Camp Midvale, N.J., on 9/17/61, he had learned that the UNSUB, white male, 40 years old, etc. (mentioned above), was one [redacted] who attended the picnic at Camp Midvale. The partial identification of [redacted] has been incorporated into a signed statement (location: [redacted] for dissemination to New York under the caption "PUBLISHER'S NEW PRESS, IS - C," NY 97-169.

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On September 19 and 20, 1961, an enlarged meeting of the CPUSA National Executive Committee was held at CPUSA Headquarters, NYC. Among those present were the following:

GUS HALL
PHIL BART
BEN DAVIS
IRVING POTASH
WILLIAM WEINSTONE
JAMES ALLEN
BETTY GANNETT

[REDACTED]
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
JAMES JACKSON
TOM NABRIED
PAT TOOHEY
ANTON KRCHMAREK
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
ROBERT THOMPSON
GEORGE MEYERS
ARNOLD JOHNSON

[REDACTED]
HY LUMER
JACK STACHEL
DOROTHY HEALEY
"MICKEY" LIMA
HENRY WINSTON
CARL WINTER
HERBERT APTHEKER, 1st day only
JAMES TORMEY
JAMES LUSTIG
[REDACTED]
GEORGE MORRIS

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The chairman of the first day's session was DOROTHY HEALEY.

PHIL BART announced the following agenda:

September 19, 1961:

1. The Berlin Situation.
2. Party defense matters
3. The Negro American Labor Council (NALC)

September 20, 1961:

1. Trade Unions
2. Report on Electoral Campaigns
3. Party matters

The meeting was opened by JACK STACHEL, who reported on the present situation in Berlin and the resumption of nuclear tests by the Soviet Union. This was followed by a report read by JAMES ALLEN concerning the Party line on the resumption of nuclear tests. This report was followed by speeches by HERBERT APTHEKER, CARL WINTER and GUS HALL.

It was apparent the resumption of nuclear tests had created great problems within the CPUSA. The tests had caused great shock among the membership, and the leadership was concerned about the loss of prestige, as well as members, as a result. It was obvious that the leadership and the Party itself was unprepared to answer questions and otherwise justify the resumption of the tests.

While the agenda called for a discussion on the Berlin crisis, the test resumption made such a discussion secondary in importance.

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The statement read by ALLEN, and added to during the discussion that followed, is to be the basis of the CP line on the question of Berlin and atomic testing.

Among the conclusions adopted as a result of the discussion around this item on the agenda, was that the total work of the Party should be to bring the fullest clarity on peace questions, and develop these questions on a perspective which would move the Party ahead. This should commence with statements by the leadership and all segments of the Party on the peace question and followed with the preparation of vast amounts of material on all levels of the Party, on all aspects of peace.

It was proposed that the statement read by ALLEN as the basis of CP policy on these questions, should appear as an article by GUS HALL in "Political Affairs" and be printed in quantities totaling about 75 to 100 thousand copies. This should be used for mailing all over the country to all levels starting with members of Congress, state governments, labor and Negro leaders. It should also be distributed to trade union groups, church groups, Negro groups and extensive summaries of this article should appear in "The Worker", "People's World" and the CP language press. It was proposed that this article be read before all clubs and discussed briefly. The National Office will work out a plan to amplify this article with additional publications.

It was reported that the Party had published 50,000 copies of the booklet "Strategy of Revenge" and will publish more copies and concentrate on the dissemination of it throughout the country. The CP will publicize the pamphlet entitled, "Khrushchev on Germany", which is a collection of his speeches and statements on the German question. It was agreed to prepare specific leaflets on auxiliary aspects of Berlin and the nuclear tests such as pamphlets on disarmaments, the arms race and employment, the U.N. and China, colonialism and discrimination, etc.

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During the discussion on these questions and proposals, there emerged the awareness of the need for a peace organization. It was pointed out that none of the many peace organizations in this country are of the type that the CPUSA can use as a "lever." It was decided that a national peace organization should be set up, but it is not to be in conflict with the existing organizations of this type. It is to be one more flexible and pliable to the needs of the CP.

This peace group will be organized on a step-by-step basis. First there will be established in New York City a peace information center to gather and correlate and send out material on the peace question. From this basis, national peace movement will be organized.

It was decided that this peace organization and the CP will encourage all kinds of peace action such as demonstrations, rallies and marches. One of the speakers pointed out here that the CPUSA had been ~~shared~~ by the English peace movement. Its activities have resulted in much publicity and the arrest of [redacted] and the jailing of some 1300 demonstrators.

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It was agreed that the Party should develop attention to help build up and get support around the conference in November being held by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

A national tour by HALL and DAVIS was proposed to visit all cities in CP Districts to pep up and galvanize into action all local CP groups on the above questions.

(Implicit here is the idea of exerting tremendous pressure on the Kennedy Administration to retreat, appease and back-down on the Berlin crisis, and the resumption of nuclear tests.)

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In the course of the general discussion surrounding ALLEN's statement, there was a hint that the ultra-left in the Party was trying to use the resumption of nuclear tests and the subsequent inadequacy of CP line concerning these tests as a club against the Hall leadership. The example of JIM KELLER in Chicago was cited. In his CP club, he took the line that war is not inevitable, CP line is bankrupt and that co-existence and peace are hogwash. This was used to show that there are pockets of sectarianism and dogmatism in the CP.

The second item on the agenda dealt with the defense activities of the Party and the National Assembly for Democratic Rights (NADR) to be held September 23-24, 1961. TORMEY made a written report on behalf of the committee in charge of the NADR. In the discussion that followed, the main point was what do they expect of the NADR and what is expected after this assembly is held.

[redacted] estimated that about 1200 persons will attend the NADR. He said the original plan was for 2,000 to attend, but with the heavy drop in the expected attendance, this would not be possible. He said that only 50 of an expected 200 from Michigan will attend, and only 25 of an expected 100 from the West Coast will attend.

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It was apparent from the discussion that a certain fear was developing as a result of the poor turnout at the memorial service for WILLIAM Z. FOSTER held on 9/18/61, at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

JIM TORMEY, in his report, stated that the NADR is having great impact on a segment of people that the CP has been separated from for a long time. He said the Party is attempting to unite with these elements.

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As to the question of just what the NADR will be, he said that mainly after many speeches, it will end with an agreement that the NADR will issue to the American people a statement to be used as a propaganda vehicle. The statement will indicate that McCarthyism is rising again, that the people can prevent it, that victory can be achieved over such reactionary groups as the Birch Society and it will attempt to instill greater efforts in the fight for civil rights and civil liberties. The NADR will support a rehearing of the CP's case by the Supreme Court. It will demand the non-enforcement of existing statutes such as the McCarran Act and the Smith Act. It will call for the outright repeal of these acts.

The NADR is to be considered a "one shot" deal. It is not to be a permanent committee.

From the discussion around the NADR, it was indicated that there were certain "left" pressures calling for the emergence of a permanent national defense organization from this NADR. The national leadership is opposed to this.

According to the national leadership, the Party members are to be orientated not to support the view that the NADR should become a permanent organization. In support of this, the national leadership believes that the development of this organization is inadequate and its emergence as a permanent organization is inopportune at this time. The comrades are to favor a looser or fluid type of approach at the NADR. A still broader basis for such an organization can be established if there is adequate work developed on local levels by the formation of local and state committees after the NADR. Eventually these locals can merge into a broader national organization for which the necessary foundation has not yet been laid.

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The national leadership also pointed out that the present 130 sponsors of the NADR agreed and went along on the basis that it was an ad hoc proposition. It was felt that if they were told that their sponsorship was to be of a permanent nature, many may feel betrayed because their name was not used for the initial purpose stated. This could result in a break with non-CP people with whom the Party has just recently re-established contact. The CP leadership is also discouraging the idea of the NADR remaining in existence as an organization, in recess to be reconvened.

The main point is to first establish a much broader base on a lower level before the final formation of any permanent organization.

In the meantime, the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (CCCL) will continue as a permanent set-up to be used as a handle to prod activity along the lines which will emerge from the NADR. The CCCL will also be used as a vehicle to handle the defense of possible victims of the Smith Act and McCarran Act (comparable to the old Civil Rights Congress set-up). All the above proposals were approved by the NEC.

The third item on the agenda was a report by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT on the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) Convention to be held November 10, 11 and 12, 1961, in Chicago. According to LIGHTFOOT, this organization is deteriorating and is in poorer shape than it was a year ago. He suggested that efforts be made to try to bring some clarity as to the purpose of the NALC and to try to revive the local groups of this organization. This was an informational report, and the discussion that followed resulted in the agreement to have the CP everywhere expand efforts to prevent the NALC from going under.

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The second day's session of this NEC meeting was chaired by BEN DAVIS.

IRVING POTASH opened the session with a report on trade union matters. His report covered two items:

1. The situation in the automobile industry around the present strikes, and
2. The situation in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

POTASH made a detailed examination of the union contracts in the auto industry and the continuation of the strikes in local areas throughout the United States. He sought to prove that the contracts signed by WALTER REUTHER were fraudulent and would make the workers carry the burden. He said the CP should take a critical, if not denunciatory line, toward the statements to point up the fraud therein. The CP should be associated with the feelings of these workers who are refusing to accept these agreements. He said the CP should commence to move into a collision with REUTHER and his leadership. It must not join in the glorification of REUTHER and the settlement of the strikes and must show that there were actually no gains made. The Party must acknowledge and abet local resentment toward the contracts wherever possible.

As to the Teamsters, POTASH reviewed the union history and the role of that union in the present situation. He pointed out the contrast of the MEANY and REUTHER line and the Teamsters' progressive line, which he said was worthy of support. He concluded that the CP must take a positive view toward the role of JAMES HOFFA in the labor movement and while not condoning HOFFA's negative values, such as his bad

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record, the CP must take a positive line with regard to over-all program and attitude on labor unity, independent political action, organizing the unorganized. He said that by supporting this line, it could lead to a more meaningful and positive stand in the labor movement. This he said will be a difficult tactic and it must be done carefully and selectively.

The CP will strive to use HOFFA as an instrument in the labor movement to counter the Reuther-Meany cold war line. He said that a CP commission will have to be formed in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and stated that one now exists in the United Automobile Workers of America. He said that a CP conference should be convened when the policy lines on these labor questions became more clear.

The second item on the agenda, which was to deal with the electoral campaigns in certain cities, was not discussed.

The third item on the agenda, Party matters, was handled by PHIL BART.

Just prior to BART's report, JAMES LUSTIG gave a 30 minute report on the Mid-Week Worker, pointing out that it will increase the Party deficit from \$90,000 a year to \$125,000. He exhorted those present to get more subscriptions, and little or no discussion followed.

BART then gave a one hour report. It was understood by those present that BART's report would supplement various plans of the Party relating to a sinking-in process or underground, believed necessary as a result of the Supreme Court decision against the Party. That report, however, was

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almost identical with the report given at the last CP convention. He made no reference to underground preparations or functionings. No mention was made of "umbrellas" or "sinking-in."

His report was vague and general. He said that the Party is dealing with a pronounced danger of liquidation and we must guarantee that the CP will stay in being, that the clubs will continue to operate as clubs. He said that incidents have occurred in which they found that when comrades were advised to form a club in the peace movement or some other movement, they took it too literally and became just that. Their identity with the CP disappeared. Many seemed to have a great desire to get out of the CP and into something new.

He said that the Party must go slowly and not run ahead. When a change is needed, the leadership will make that change, but only when the situation dictates. He said that the Party will fight for legality, will see to it that the clubs continue to operate, but will make adjustments when necessary and as required by events.

It appears that the total context of his report was a retreat from the line advanced since the Supreme Court decision.

(Later when BART was questioned as to his report, and was asked if it was a complete reversal of decisions made recently with regard to going underground and sinking in other organizations, his reply was that this was just about it. "Our experiences in California and other places was that comrades go too far... We will have to change it from place to place.")

The first speaker following BART's report was GUS HALL. HALL spoke angrily and with a great deal of vehemence.

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He said that we are dealing with the problem of the acts of liquidators of the CP, liquidators of the most insidious type. [] was the most vulgar form of liquidator, but the most easily fought because his position was clear. He said the worst form of liquidationism is not [] but is the lack of fight by those CP leaders on behalf of any defense of this Party. It is expressed in the lack of fighting for the policies of this Party by the leadership. He said we must develop new approaches on questions of Party building and new standards of Party leadership.

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HALL said we have right here, National Committee members who have been present at times when the national line is sneered at and the leadership attacked and they kept silent and did nothing about it. He said, "I want to know why."

He referred to his policy article on the right danger and pointed out that the leadership tried to mobilize membership around it. He said there was no fight for the line in the article. He found a refusal to fight for it and "almost glee" on the part of some leaders because this article was being criticized. "What happens to policy when it leaves here? I think it is mutilated. What will happen to the CP when the CP will not fight for the role of the CP? What happened to the line after it left here and how as this line and policy article used? What happened to the reports and documents of the last National Committee meeting?"

All this he said relates to whether or not we are going to have a CP.

He pointed out that he discovered a pandering attitude of Party leaders toward ex-CP members who had run away. He found leaders working with them and soliciting their

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advice. HALL said "we do not make virtue of their staying out of the CP." He asked how can we have a CP and understand its role if there is still floating around the attitude that the CP is but a precursor of what will eventually become a broader socialist movement.

HALL said this is the CP. This is not an interim caretaking outfit. This is the Marxist Party. He said we need tenacious cadre, maybe smaller, but qualitatively they will have to be pro-Party cadre.

It was apparent that HALL's remarks were not fully understood by those present. It appears that the vehemence of his remarks were felt by the members present in that the discussion that followed was extremely vague. Each speaker appeared to speak only on the least controversial subjects.

Following HALL's speech, PAT TOOHEY, New Jersey State CP Chairman, spoke. TOOHEY was extremely critical of HALL, particularly of his statement that the leadership will not fight for the Party, its role or itself. TOOHEY cited examples in his own district in which HALL and national leaders failed to back him against dissident elements.

After several other speakers, HALL commented on TOOHEY's remarks. He acknowledged that he was in sympathy with TOOHEY's problem in New Jersey and characterized TOOHEY as a valiant fighter for the line of the CP. He agreed that TOOHEY's criticism was valid. He said however that he did not feel that the situation in New Jersey was as bad as TOOHEY had described it.

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On 9/25/61, [] furnished an addendum to the above report which is as follows:

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At the National Executive Committee meeting of the Communist Party (CP) National Committee held on September 19, 1961, in New York, GUS HALL made reference at one point in the discussion on Party policies that recently he received a consensus of opinion on the American political situation from Marxist leaders who had attended an International conference of Party representatives.

His reference to this report was for the purpose of demonstration that the views of important International Party leaders on the estimate of the American political situation is corresponding with the estimate made by himself and the American Party leadership. He implied this had been a very important International Party gathering and that the views on the American political situation emanating from that conference fully concerned the analysis of the relationship of forces in the United States and how the CP national leadership had correctly sized the situation up.

At another point in the discussion, he mentioned in passing that JOE NORTH, who is presently situated in Havana ostensibly as a correspondent for the Party newspaper, "The Worker," had conveyed "some thinkings," on our American problems made by some international comrades. From the foregoing it was gathered there had taken place very recently in Havana an international conference of Party leaders of quite wide representation. Nothing further is known about the conference or its decisions excepting this "view" on the American political situation.

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You will observe an article in the September 24, 1961 edition of "The Worker." This article is signed by JOSEPH NORTH and is titled, "World Eyes Liberty's Fight on McCarran Act." This article and the foregoing information appear to be akin, however, one thing is clear, the article is not in the form of a usual writing of JOE NORTH whose style of writing is well known to all Party people.

It seems clear that HALL and the National Party leadership decided to publicize this support of his policy views by putting it in the form of a so-called article and publishing it in that form.

The contents of this so-called article should be clearly understood to be the conveyance of views and opinions (which to HALL and others are taken as directive) of basic policy, estimates and appraisals. The article should be examined and analyzed from that point of view. The last four paragraphs of this article are highly significant. They betoken in an attack upon the administration of the United States by international Communist Parties in an effort to render support to the CP, USA in its struggle with and against the McCarran Act and the ruling of the Supreme Court on June 5.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931) DATE: 11/2/61
FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS dated 10/20/61, at NY, reflects activity of the CPUSA, for the quarterly period 7/1/61 to 9/30/61. Details of such activity may be found in this report under the following:

Organization
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1-NY (100-81338) (CPUSA - Security Measures) (415)
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1-NY (100-86624) (CPUSA - International Relations) (415)
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1-NY (100-87212) (CPUSA - Colonial Matters) (415)
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1-NY (100-80634) (CPUSA - Farmers Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-88297) (CPUSA - Cultural Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-79498) (CPUSA - Veterans Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - National Groups) (415)
1-NY (100-80864) (CPUSA - Religion) (415)
1-NY (100-81675) (CPUSA - Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
1-NY (100-80633) (CPUSA - Education) (415)
1-NY (100-133902) (CPUSA - Attempts of CP to Infiltrate
Mass Organizations) (415)
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No information suitable for inclusion in this report was developed during the period 7/1/61 to 9/30/61, concerning the following activities of the CPUSA:

Membership
Security Measures
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Education
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**ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP
 AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1961**

The following figures are set out according to states and territory, field divisions and Communist Party districts:

MEMBERSHIP IN STATES AND TERRITORIES

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Alabama	5	Delaware	3	Pennsylvania	159
Alaska	0	District of Columbia	7	Rhode Island	9
Arizona	20	Florida	26	S. Carolina	0
Arkansas	0	Georgia	3	S. Dakota	23
California	989	Hawaii	2	Tennessee	0
Colorado	1	Idaho	14	Texas	35
Connecticut	33	Illinois	441	Utah	16
Delaware	3	Indiana	66	Vermont	2
District of Columbia	7	Iowa	3	Virginia	9
Florida	26	Kansas	7	Washington	233
Georgia	3	Kentucky	0	W. Virginia	9
Hawaii	2	Louisiana	11	Wisconsin	116
Idaho	14			Wyoming	0
Illinois	441			Total	5,260
Indiana	66			Territory	
Iowa	3			Puerto Rico	13
Kansas	7				
Kentucky	0				
Louisiana	11				
Maine	3				
Maryland	32				
Massachusetts	96				
Michigan	203				
Minnesota	184				
Mississippi	0				
Missouri	47				
Montana	21				
Nebraska	3				
Nevada	0				
New Hampshire	2				
New Jersey	155				
New Mexico	5				
New York	2,006				
N. Carolina	4				
N. Dakota	19				
Ohio	164				
Oklahoma	12				
Oregon	43				

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS

Albany	14	Houston	4	Oklahoma City	12
Albuquerque	5	Indianapolis	66	Omaha	3
Anchorage	0	Jacksonville	6	Philadelphia	133
Atlanta	2	Kansas City	10	Phoenix	20
Baltimore	41	Knoxville	0	Pittsburgh	35
Birmingham	2	Las Vegas	0	Portland	43
Boston	110	Little Rock	0	Richmond	7
Buffalo	70	Los Angeles	640	St. Louis	44
Butte	35	Louisville	0	Salt Lake City	16
Charlotte	4	Memphis	0	San Antonio	8
Chicago	439	Miami	20	San Diego	39
Cincinnati	18	Milwaukee	116	San Francisco	310
Cleveland	146	Minneapolis	227	Savannah	1
Dallas	18	Mobile	3	Seattle	233
Denver	1	Newark	155	Springfield	2
Detroit	203	New Haven	33	Tampa	10
El Paso	5	New Orleans	11	Washington Field	7
Honolulu	3	New York	1,924	Total	5,260
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		San Francisco			
		Seattle			
		Springfield			
		Tampa			
		Washington Field			

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<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>STATES INCLUDED IN DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>
Connecticut District	33	Connecticut	33
Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware District	136	Pennsylvania (Eastern) Delaware	133 3
Illinois District	441	Illinois (Excluding East St. Louis area) Iowa (Davenport & Dettendorf only)	441 0
Indiana District	66	Indiana	66
Maryland-D.C. District	45	Maryland District of Columbia	28 7
Michigan District	203	Michigan	203
Minnesota-S Dakota District	227	Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota	184 19 24
Missouri District	50	Missouri Kansas (Kansas City only) Illinois (East St. Louis only)	47 3 0
Montana District	21	Montana	21
New England District	112	Vermont Maine New Hampshire Massachusetts Rhode Island	2 3 2 96 9
New Jersey District	155	New Jersey	155
New York District	2,006	New York	2,006
Northern California District	322	California (north of Kern & Santa Barbara Counties)	322
Northwest District	247	Washington Idaho Alaska	213 14 0
Ohio District	166	Ohio West Virginia (Panhandle Section)	164 2

DISTRICTS (Continued)

Oklahoma-Arkansas District	12	Oklahoma Arkansas	12 0
Oregon District	43	Oregon	43
Southern California District	667	California (exclusive of counties north of Santa Barbara and Kern Counties)	667
Southern Region	98	Alabama Florida Georgia Louisiana Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee Texas (exclusive of the 17 western counties) Virginia	3 36 3 11 6 4 0 0 30 9
Western Pennsylvania District	24	Pennsylvania (Western)	24
Wisconsin District	116	Wisconsin	116
<u>STATES WITHOUT FORMAL CP ORGANIZATION</u>	68	Arizona Colorado Idaho Iowa Kansas Kentucky Nebraska Nevada New Mexico Texas (17 western counties) West Virginia (exclusive of the four panhandle counties) Wyoming Utah	20 1 2 3 4 0 5 0 5 5 7 0 16
Total	5,260	Total	5,260
<u>TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS</u>	13	Puerto Rico	13

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION

	12-31-60	2-31-61	6-30-61	9-30-61
Albany	24	15	15	14
Albuquerque	6	6	5	5
Anchorage	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	5	5	2	2
Baltimore	43	41	41	41
Birmingham	2	2	2	2
Boston	106	109	111	110
Buffalo	74	69	72	70
Butte	36	36	36	35
Charlotte	2	2	1	4
Chicago	449	438	440	439
Cincinnati	17	19	18	18
Cleveland	146	146	146	146
Dallas	17	18	18	18
Denver	2	2	1	1
Detroit	203	203	203	203
El Paso	5	8	5	5
Honolulu	0	2	2	2
Houston	5	4	4	4
Indianapolis	65	65	66	66
Jacksonville	6	6	6	6
Kansas City	9	9	10	10
Knoxville	0	0	0	0
Las Vegas	0	0	0	0
Little Rock	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	624	632	635	640
Louisville	0	0	0	0
Memphis	0	0	0	0
Miami	22	22	20	20
Milwaukee	121	121	120	116
Minneapolis	230	226	225	227
Mobile	3	3	3	3
Newark	155	155	155	155
New Haven	34	33	33	33
New Orleans	11	11	11	11
New York	1,907	1,921	1,921	1,924
Norfolk	2	2	2	2
Oklahoma City	12	12	12	12
Omaha	10	9	9	8
Philadelphia	130	137	135	133
Phoenix	21	21	20	20
Pittsburgh	35	34	38	35
Portland	43	43	43	43
Richmond	6	7	7	7
St. Louis	46	44	46	44
Salt Lake City	16	16	15	16
San Antonio	7	6	8	8

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES IN FIELD DIVISION (cont'd)

	12-31-60	2-31-61	4-30-61	9-30-61
San Diego	30	37	37	39
San Francisco	345	322	307	310
Savannah	1	1	1	1
Seattle	234	223	228	233
Springfield	3	3	3	2
Tampa	10	10	10	10
Washington Field	5	5	7	7
TOTALS	5,295	5,268	5,262	5,260
San Juan	12	13	13	13



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Information has been received from sources which have furnished reliable information in the past that at a meeting of Communist Party (CP) leaders in Berkeley, California, on October 29, 1961, ALBERT JASON (MICKIE) LIMA, Chairman, CP Northern California District, reported on a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the CP which he attended, subsequent to the refusal of the Supreme Court to review the decision requiring the CP to register.

LIMA stated that the National Executive Committee had received an application for membership from Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS and that DU BOIS intended to make a public statement concerning his application for membership in the near future.

LIMA stated that the CP was receiving requests for membership almost every day and predicted that the CP would face difficulties of restricted operations, necessitating a streamlining of the organization. LIMA stressed that forms must be created to influence the masses and that the CP must push and activate non-Party forms to achieve this objective.

Dr. DU BOIS is a nationally known Negro historian who was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP.)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26239)
RE: CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
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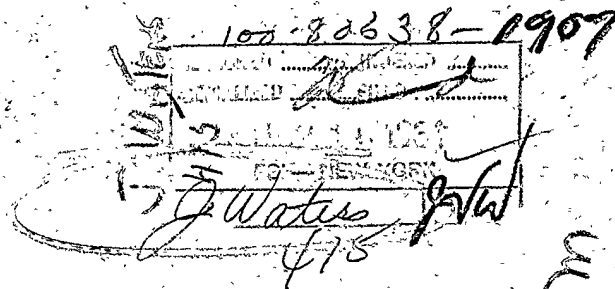
Enclosed herewith are six copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP" which contains information furnished by [redacted] on 11/2/61.

This memorandum is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ inasmuch as it contains information which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

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REGISTRATION FIGURES AND COMPARISONS 1943-44

Total Reg. 1943-44 - 50,935
 Of them on "Leave of Absence" - 4,033
 Leaving as Resident Members - 46,902 (This figure used to arrive at composition percentages)
 1943 "Leaver" - 4,033 or 8%)
 1942 " " - 5,217 " 11%) 16.9% new in armed forces.
 Total Membership Jan. 1, 1944 - 56,153

Registered 1941-42 - 43,727 - 3.5% growth over previous year
 " 1942-43 - 47,071 - 7.6% " " " "
 " 1943-44 - 50,935 - 21.7% " " " "
 Resident members 1/1/43 - 41,854
 Gain for 1943 - 9,081 (This percentage arr. at by using figure of 41,854 resident members as of 1/1/43)

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

Registered 1943-44 - 31,734 or 48%
 " 1942-43 - 18,236 or 42%
 Gain - 3,498 or 19%

BASIC INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

Registered 1943-44 - 12,590 or 27%
 " 1942-43 - 9,607 or 23%
 Gain - 2,983 or 31%

TRADE UNION

<u>Registered 1943-44</u>		<u>1942-43</u>		
C.I.O.	- 15,381	12,901	gain of 2,480	or 19%
A.F.L.	- 7,780	6,746	" " 1,014	" 15%
Ind.	- <u>1,420</u>	<u>2,004</u>	loss of 584	" 41%
Total	24,561 or 52%	21,651 or 52%	(*This loss due to teachers going into CIO.)	
Total gain 2,910 or 13.5%				

Note: There are 911 full time mass organization functionaries

Professional & White Collar

Registered 1943-44 - 11,515 or 25%
 " 1942-43 - 12,150 or 29%
 Loss - 635 or 5%

Agriculture

Registered 1943-44 - 1,010 or 2.2%
 " 1942-43 - 931 or 2.2%
 Gain - 79 or 8.5%

In Business or self-employed 1943-44 - 2,365
 There are 20% full-time Party functionaries (does not include Press).

Women

Registered 1943-44 - 21,483 or 46%
 " 1942-43 - 17,928 " 43%
 Gain 3,488 " 19%

Housewives

Registered 1943-44 - 9,137 or 19%; or 43% of all / women
 " 1942-43 - 7,732 " 18%; " 43% " "
 Gain 1,405 " 18%

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Men

Registered 1943-44 - 6,376 or 13.4%
 " 1942-43 - 4,063 " 9.7%
 Gain 2,323 " 57%

Unemployed

Registered 1943-44 - 2,478 or 5%
 " 1942-43 - 2,944 " 7%

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National Groups

Registered 1943-44 - 32,566
 " 1942-43 - 27,436

	<u>1942-43</u>	<u>1943-44</u>
Jewish	17,414 or 41%	19,380 or 41%
Italian	1,210	1,406
Irish	731	925
German	820	1,164
Polish	796	689
Spanish Spk.	632	670
Ca. Sl.	502	528
Togo Sl.	610	732

Age

	<u>1943-44</u>	<u>1942-43</u>
Under 25	4,061 or 9%	3,808 or 9%
26 to 35	18,388 " 39%	18,602 " 44%
36 to 45	11,228 " 24%	9,234 " 22%
Over 45	11,917 " 26%	9,741 " 24%

Length of Time in Party
(for 1943-44)

Under 1 year - 10,569
 1 to 2 -- 5,530
 3 " 5 -- 8,905
 5 " 10 -- 12,504
 Over 10 -- 5,743
 Charter -- 623

Recruited 1943 - 20,509
 In Party less than year 10,569 or 51.5%

(The 10,569 does not allow for those who joined in 1943 and subsequently joined the Armed Forces.)

23,756 claim they read the Daily Worker, but not all of them daily.

Registered Members by Industry and Occupation

<u>Basic</u>	<u>1942-43</u>	<u>1943-44</u>
Aluminum	47	108
Auto	781	1128
Aviation	565	1269
Chemical	(145	(141
Oil	((61
Coal Mining	394	372
Lumber	192	200
Longshore	111	181
Marine	685	670
Metal Mine & Smel.	260	296
Elec. Equip.	529	843
Farm	58	124
Mechanists	1,127	773
Mech. Etdg.	240	129
Other Metal	928	1,087
Total Metal	2,822	3,966
Packing	163	190
Railroad	319	468
Rubber	132	219
Shipyards	1,282	2,197
Steel	899	1,254
Textile	230	227
Transport	523	572
Glass & Pottery	27	44
Utility	24	23
Misc.	35	7

Note: Marine register over entire year.

	1942-43	1943-44
Longshore	71 on West Coast	126 on West Coast
Shipyards	725 " " "	1,009 " " "

NIGHT INDUSTRY

	<u>1942-43</u>	<u>1943-44</u>
Brick Inst.	99	92
Bldg. Laborers	398	194
Carpenters	429	320
Electricians	128	69
Painters	419	408
Pipe Trades	75	67
Other Bldg. Trades	120	150
Total Bldg. Trades	1,668	1,310
Bldg. Maintenance	329	359
Communications	206	158
Bakers	140	194
Butchers	82	60
Cannery	53	79
Hotel & Rest.	674	769
Other Food	167	307
Total Food	1,116	1,429
Furniture	132	178
Jewelry	68	86
Fur	354	404
Hatlinery	183	160
Men's Needle	476	469
Women's "	1,194	1,430
Laundry	130	172
Paper	44	59
Printing	233	263
Shoe & Leather	79	346
Service Trades	1,254	1,506
Tobacco	91	91
Varnishers	215	219
Misc.	697	482

Note: 1942-43 Warehouse on West Coast 80; 1943-44 - 62 on West Coast.
Bldg. Trades workers undoubtedly shifted to other industries.

PROFESSIONAL AND WHITE COLLAR

	<u>1942-43</u>	<u>1943-44</u>
Artists, Actors	546	514
Doctors, Dentists	576	506
Educators	1,457	1,329
Eng. Draft. & Tech.	884	981
Insurance	58	64
Lawyers	329	291
Musicians	277	307
Nurses	295	250
Newspaper writers	359	398
Office Workers	4,498	4,240
Research	50	108
Salesmen	508	289*
Social Service	899	766
Students	324	278
Writers	222	245
Advertising	84	11
Librarians	60	64
Pharmacists	102	75
Photographers	71	82
Misc.	648	779

* New York is included in Service trades

COMPOSITION OF FEBRUARY, 1944 RECRUITS

Registration %

Analized	-	5,155		--	13.4%
Negro	-	1,842	or 32%	--	46
Women	-	2,264	" 44%	--	19
Housewives	-	948	" 18%	--	43
" are 42% of all women				--	(This figure may be incomplete)
Shop women	-	531	" 10%	--	3.2%
Agriculture	-	48	" .9%	--	5
Unemployed	-	271	" 5%	--	25
Prof. & W.C.	-	1,038	" 20%	--	
Ind. Workers	-	2,887	" 56%	--	46
Basic "	-	1,948	" 38%	--	37
Trade Union	-	2,488	" 48%	--	52

Basic

Aluminum	-	51
Auto	-	335
Aviation	-	135
Chemical	-	4
Coal Mins	-	64
Lumber	-	23
Longshore	-	25
Marine	-	140
Metal Mine & Smelt.	-	42
All Metal	-	418
Oil	-	7
Packing	-	24
Railroad	-	83
Rubber	-	33
Shipyards	-	327
Steel	-	197
Textile	-	34
Transport	-	78
Glass & Pottery	-	4

Light

Building Trades	-	136
" Maint.	-	6
Communications	-	8
All Food	-	134
Furniture	-	6
Fur	-	37
Millinery	-	13
Needle Trades (Men's)	-	39
" " (Women's)	-	62
Laundry	-	31
Printing	-	29
Shoe & Leather	-	22
All Service	-	225
Tobacco	-	6
Warehouse	-	27

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
(ATT: CENTRAL RESEARCH)

12/6/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

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On 11/28/61, [redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, made available certain records maintained by the CP, USA. These records, according to NY 694-S, were in the possession of the widow of the late ROBERT MINOR. These records were turned over to the CP, USA on 11/28/61.

At the time of ROBERT MINOR's death in November, 1952, he was described by "The Worker", East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of 12/7/52, as a former editor of that publication and former General Secretary of the CP, USA.

Attached hereto are photographs of a six page document headed "Registration figures and comparisons 1943-44". It shows the total membership as of January 1, 1944, as 56,152. Of these 5,217 were not registered.

Further registration figures shown are: 1941-42 (43,727); 1942-43 (47,071); 1943-44 (50,935).

Figures are further broken down by categories such as: Industry (by occupation), sex, race, national groups, ages, and time in the Party.

The enclosed material is being submitted for information purposes.

The original film is being filed in NY 100-4931-1A-813.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: December 11, 1961

FROM : ✓ Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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The Communist Party, USA, membership figures for the quarterly period ending December 31, 1961, normally due at the Bureau no later than January 20, 1962, must be tabulated by all offices and furnished the Bureau by airtel as soon after December 31, 1961, as possible, and no later than January 5, 1962.

The airtel is to be submitted under the caption of this letter and must contain the data usually incorporated under the membership caption in the cover pages of the quarterly report, along with any necessary explanations relating to significant fluctuations in membership. In addition, the number of members positively and tentatively identified during the preceding twelve-month period must likewise be included.

The foregoing instructions do not in any way alter membership data to be set forth in the cover pages of the quarterly reports. In fact, the airtel should be a succinct duplication of the membership data set forth in the cover pages.

This instruction for submission of membership figures relates only to the quarterly report for the period ending December 31, 1961, and will not be required in subsequent periods, UACB.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, BUFFALO (100-15296)

DATE: DEC 28 1961

FROM : SA KENNETH P. GLENNON

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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- 13 - New York (1 - LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (RM)
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- (1 - FACTIONALISM)
- (1 - MEMBERSHIP)
- (1 - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
- (1 - 100-84994, GUS HALL)
- (1 - 100-23825, BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
- (1 - 100-1696, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
- (1 - 97-169, "THE WORKER")
- (1 - PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
- (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES)

22 - Buffalo:

- 1 - 100-15297 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-11900 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-12317 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-10980 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
- 1 - 100-11636 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-4379-69 (ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 100-4379-88 (FACTIONALISM)

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- 1 - 100-14081 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
- 1 - 100-10086 ("THE WORKER")
- 1 - 100-4379-86 (PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - 100-14570 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-13501 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-11389 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-12017 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-17733 (NEW GROUP)

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1 - 100-17598 (CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES)

Set forth below verbatim is a report received from [REDACTED] concerning a meeting of the ECCP secretariat with LOUIS WEINSTOCK. There were discussions of the McCarran Act, the new administrative setup of the CP, and dissidence within the CP locally and nationally.

"Buffalo, New York
November 21, 1961

"On Monday, November 20, 1961, there was a meeting of the Erie County Communist Party Secretariat at the [REDACTED] Secretariat members present were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was also present representing the New York State Communist Party.

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"The first item of discussion concerned the McCarran Act. According to Weinstock, the Communist Party has been notified as an organization to register under the provisions of the McCarran Act. Weinstock mentioned that there had recently been a three-day meeting of Party lawyers from all over the country to consider the question of how to combat the McCarran

"Act. This meeting had occurred in New York City. Initially during the meeting there was considerable disagreement among the lawyers as to how to handle the McCarran Act question, but they all finally arrived at the conclusion that the Communist Party could not and should not register. They based this conclusion on the assertion that the Communist Party is not an agent of a foreign power, and that if they registered as such, they would be admitting to a lie.

"It was also brought out during the meeting that the Attorney General had devised forms for registration of the Party which avoided the possibility of self-incrimination when the forms were filled out. The form calls for all the necessary information as to money, finances, and membership of the Party, but indicates that the officers of the Party do not need to sign the form. So long as this form is properly filled out as coming from the Communist Party, this would constitute proper registration.

"Weinstock then reported that during August of 1961, the National body of the Communist Party met and decided to suspend the convening of the National CP Convention which is due to be held this year.

"At this meeting all Party administrative structure was abolished or dissolved. This meant that the National Executive Board, the National Executive Committee, all State Boards, all State staffs, all County Committees, all County Executive Boards and staffs, all Club Committees, all Club Executive Boards and staffs, and all State, Regional, County and Club Chairmanships were abolished. All leading bodies of the National Party were abolished, and all that was left in existence were three top National offices, including National Chairman, Executive Secretary, and one other office not presently remembered. The people who occupy these positions, respectively, are Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Gus Hall, and Benjamin Davis.

"The administrative structure of the Party which was abolished is to be replaced with coordinating bodies and individuals known as coordinators. This means there will be a National Coordinating Committee, a State Coordinating Committee, a Regional Coordinating Committee, a County Coordinating Committee, and so on right down to the club level of the Party. There will be individuals known as State Coordinators, Regional Coordinators, and County Coordinators connected with these committees. According to Weinstock, this change in structure of the Party is a legal maneuver to create the fiction that there are only three leaders in the CP, USA.

"Weinstock then went on to say that the Communist Party has prepared a statement regarding its registration which was put out in the name of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Rights and has been printed in last weekend's edition of 'The Worker.'

"Weinstock said that as of October 19, 1961, 'The Worker' and 'Political Affairs' were supposed to be labeled as Communist Party material. 'The Worker' has refused to be labeled. Weinstock further said that in an effort to avoid prosecution, the Communist Party is not using the mails to transmit material.

[redacted] then reported to Weinstock that he had recently been barred from a meeting of Communist Party members that had taken place at [redacted]

[redacted] pointed out that this meeting involved a number of the individuals who belonged to the dissident group within the Party in Buffalo.

"Weinstock said it was obvious that this was part of a national movement and gave the following information to support this view. He said that three weeks ago Benjamin Davis had been visited

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"by a group calling themselves the 'Harlem Communist Party Section.' The appointment for these people to visit Ben Davis had been made by [redacted] who disavowed any sympathy with the group. She said she was acting only as liaison. Weinstock does not believe this. The group that visited Ben Davis had only one person from Harlem in it. All the rest were from New Jersey and were from a group of people who had been expelled from the Communist Party five years ago for ultra-leftism. Weinstock did not say what this group wanted from Ben Davis, but indicated that Ben Davis had rejected them.

"Weinstock went on that several days ago the National office received a four-page letter sent by this Harlem Section of the Communist Party. Weinstock said the letter in essence calls for dissolution of the Communist Party and its re-constitution under another name. Weinstock said that then in the Friday, November 17, edition of the 'National Guardian,' an ad appeared announcing a preliminary conference to form the 'Negro Labor Vanguard Party.' This conference was to be held on Saturday, November 25, 1961, at Adelphi Hall in New York City. Weinstock pointed out that one sentence in the four-page letter was exactly the same as one that appeared in the ad, but he did not mention what this sentence was. Weinstock concluded that the Harlem Section and this group of ultra-leftists from New Jersey and the Negro Labor Vanguard Party people are all the same group.

"Weinstock mentioned that he thought [redacted] [redacted] was working against Party interests. He said he had recently given [redacted] to be used to send six people to the Negro American Labor Council convention in Chicago, which was held on November 11 and November 12, 1961. Weinstock thinks that part of this money was used to pay the expenses of people to Chicago for other purposes than the NALC convention.

"When Weinstock had finished speaking, [redacted] told him that he was unhappy about the situation in Buffalo with regard to the Communist Party for two reasons: first, that when Weinstock and Ben Davis had been in Buffalo recently to confer with the dissident group in Buffalo, a number of people had raised the question of discussing and evaluating CP work that had been done in Buffalo. This question was lightly brushed aside. [redacted] felt that this treatment of the question was a mistake, and that this was one of the things the dissident group had seized upon as an issue to use against the Party.

"The other problem on [redacted] mind concerned the selection of [redacted] to lead the Secretariat. [redacted] told Weinstock that he felt that in the light of the position taken by the leadership of the CP in the recent controversy and the positions taken by [redacted] the selection of [redacted] for leadership positions in the Party in Buffalo was most logical. However, it must be realized that there was considerable antagonism towards [redacted] and this problem would have to be met head-on.

[redacted] went ever further than this, He spoke at length criticizing [redacted] saying that [redacted] blows up too easily, is too rigid and doesn't listen to reason. The gist of [redacted] speech was that [redacted] was an all-around incompetent.

"At this point [redacted] blew up. He raved and shouted, waved his hands, pounded on the table, and cried that he had been persecuted, reviled, isolated, ostracized, and the subject of destructive tactics for five years, but in the end he had been the one who had saved the Communist Party in Buffalo. He yelled for those present to look at the results of his work.

"Weinstock was taken aback by this demonstration of [redacted] and he tried to smooth things over, telling [redacted] the Communist Party valued him and recognized his contributions. He told [redacted] however, that he must realize he has to control himself because he is a leader now.

"The meeting then got back to normal, and it was agreed amongst those present that there should be meetings arranged for Wednesday, November 22, Friday, November 24, Saturday, November 25, and Sunday, November 26. The membership of the Party was to be split up amongst those present, and they would visit each individual member to invite them to any of these meetings which they could conveniently attend.

"About this time [redacted] entered the [redacted] home, and [redacted] spoke to her quietly for a few minutes. She immediately came back and began to berate the other people present for the treatment they had given her husband. She wanted to know what they were doing to her husband and why they were treating him so badly. After she was quieted down, the meeting ended, but an argument developed again when [redacted] said to [redacted] that criticism of him did not mean that he was being condemned. This began a larger and louder controversy between [redacted] all of them trying to outshout the other and all of them hurling accusations back and forth at each other. Louis Weinstock finally broke up the argument and he told [redacted] amongst other things, that 'if you continue to blow up and not control yourself, we don't need you.' Weinstock and [redacted] then left the room, and Weinstock was heard to remark that [redacted] was a sick man. It is felt that [redacted] is very close to being psychotic and is a very real danger to the Communist Party.

"During general conversation in the above meeting [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] has asked for a leave of absence from the Party but that [redacted] is going to continue in the Party."

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Copies of this memorandum are designated for New York because of that office's interest in individuals and issues mentioned herein.

In case of dissemination of any information contained in this memorandum outside the Bureau, the information should be carefully paraphrased in order to protect the identity of the informant.

RECOMMENDATION

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

December 29, 1961

SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-213)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Bureau letter to Albany, 12/11/61.

There has been no indication of reactivation by the Communist Party in Kentucky. The Communist Party membership in Kentucky is estimated at zero.

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